

MOSCOW IS IN DANGER

AN EDITORIAL

"MOSCOW is in danger."

These are the words which flashed from the embattled heroic Soviet capital yesterday.

It is another way of saying that New York is in danger—that London is in danger. The best of civilization which took mankind centuries to build is being fought for around the approaches to Moscow and on the entire Eastern Front. Never was the peril to our own America as grave as now.

Why is Moscow in danger? It is not because the Red Army has not startled the world with the brilliance and heroism of its fighting. It is not because the Soviet people are not willingly giving of their life's blood, and sacrificing their most precious achievements for victory. It is not because they do not have the unshakable determination to fight to the last man, woman and child for the defeat of the Nazi beasts.

Against Moscow, Hitler has hurled all the resources of conquered Europe—the industries of France and Germany, the munitions works of Czechoslovakia, the loot of all the occupied territories. Hitler knows that the Red Army is the most powerful present defense to London and New York. There are no "ifs," "ands" or "buts" to his panzer attacks—he has launched an all-out war for world domination.

But the anti-Hitler front in Britain and America has not thrown all its resources into the battle to defeat Hitler. There are still delays, hesitations and half-hearted measures which prevent America and Britain from going truly all out. These weaknesses are playing into Hitler's hands and exposing our country to untold danger.

This is America's war—the war of the American people for their national existence. Hitler has already forced America into the war—by his submarine warfare, his subversive attacks in Latin America, his rattlesnake sinkings of American owned vessels which the people have decreed shall deliver aid to the Soviet Union and Britain.

The arrogant Nazi murderers have left no alternative to this sovereign nation except, in order to preserve its life, to put everything it has into the war to wipe out Hitlerism. Not only is this a matter of practical necessity, but the knowledge that the country had dispensed with all half-hearted measures against Hitler would shake the Nazi bluster more than anything else. For its own security, America should assume full military responsibility with the Soviet Union and Britain in the struggle against German fascism.

IN THE face of this immediate danger to our country, the duties of our government are clear and unmistakable.

First, let it join hands with Britain to open new fronts against Hitler. The establishment of a Western Front is the demand of the American people as well as the British.

Secondly, repeal the unreal Neutrality Act which binds our defense while Hitler has a free rein to roam the seas against America's national interest. Arm American merchant vessels. Provide naval convoys all the way across the Atlantic and Pacific to insure that aid reaches the Soviet Union and Britain. Put into instant operation the President's "shoot first" order to blast the Nazi rattlesnakes out of the sea. Extend full lend-lease aid to the Soviet Union.

Thirdly, let America and Britain guarantee the Far Eastern borders of the Soviet Union against attack by the Japanese aggressors. Let Japan know that if it makes one move upon Soviet territory it will have to answer to America's armed might. This will relieve the Soviet Far Eastern forces which are protecting America, and allow them to be hurled against the common enemy in the West.

Fourthly, win the battle of production in America by an uninterrupted stream of supplies to the Soviet Union. We must out-produce Hitler's industrial loot. We can do it by turning the decisions of the recent Soviet-British-American conference in Moscow into full reality.

Fifthly, stop the sabotage of America's defense efforts by Hitler's agents who operate under diplomatic immunity. Expel the ambassadors of the Nazi murderers of hostages, along with the representatives of the Nazi puppet governments. With America's shores in peril, the country cannot tolerate the activities of Hitler's agents in its midst.

THE people of America—and above all, the trade unions—should speak out and insist upon resolute action against Hitler by our country. William Green expressed the sentiments of every working man and woman in America when he urged "more drastic action" against Hitler. Certainly, more drastic action is necessary at this moment.

Let every union, people's organization and community organize mass actions to support the foreign policy of our national government. The people should sternly protest the activities of the America First appeasers who work to divide national unity against Hitler and who endanger the life of the nation.

Pass resolutions, send telegrams to the President giving full backing to his foreign policy and urging that America throw its total power beside the Soviet Union and Britain to outfight Hitler. Write to your Congressmen and Senators for all-out action against Hitler.

In its own defense, our country is committed to the destruction of Hitler and Hitlerism. It is the united will of the American people that all our strength be thrown into this task. Let the American people make themselves heard to this end. Let American labor express itself forcefully, in the interest of the people, for an all-out fight against Hitlerism.

A.F.L. PARLEY VOTES UNANIMOUSLY: 'ALL AID TO BRITAIN, SOVIETS, CHINA'

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NAZI DRIVE PERILS MOSCOW; SOVIET INFLECTS HUGE TOLL

'Every Citizen a Warrior'—Pravda

Halt Foe at Leningrad, Azov Fronts; Main Red Army Holds at Kalinin

MOSCOW, Oct. 15 (UP).—The Soviet Union appealed to every able-bodied person among her 189,000,000 inhabitants tonight to turn out and fight the onrushing Germans, reporting that the loss of Soviet as well as German manpower on the front was serious, and that "Moscow is in danger."

The official Communist newspaper Pravda said that "our country must become a camp of war and every citizen a warrior."

The government newspaper Izvestia said, "It is now the duty of every man at the front, every Muscovite, every Soviet citizen, to beat off this onslaught... sparing neither strength nor life."

Pravda said that German losses were tremendous "but our losses are serious too." It said, however, that "we have sufficient reserves to make up for them and the ranks of the Red Army must be constantly replenished with fresh forces."

Germans were being mowed down by the thousands on all three major fronts, according to reports reaching here, but they stormed ahead on the roads to Moscow, creating a new peril in the Kalinin sector only 100 miles northwest of the capital.

NAZI LOSSES IMMENSE

German losses in the Leningrad sector were reported by Izvestia to have been so heavy that troops had to be moved from Novgorod, below Lake Ilmen, to replace casualties near Lake Peipus. The movement took place on a highway under Red Army artillery fire, the newspaper said.

It was reported that 10,000 Germans were killed in one sector of the Leningrad front, 500 in another; that 1,000 Germans fell dead or wounded in the Bryansk sector southwest of Moscow, 1,500 more in another sector of the Central Front; that "several" thousand Germans were destroyed in the Mariupol sector in the south, including a company of 250 men killed by planes of the Soviet Black Sea Fleet.

At Leningrad and along the Sea of Azov beyond Mariupol, which they captured yesterday, the Germans were reported stopped, but on the Moscow front they drove ahead with reckless abandon, shifting huge forces to the north of the capital for a blow at Kalinin.

Red Star said the Red Army's main line held at Kalinin but that individual German units broke through the approaches to the city, formerly called Tver, lying on the right bank of the Volga, on the Moscow-Leningrad railway and on the Baltic-Volga Canal which is linked with the Moscow-Volga Canal. Kalinin is an industrial city of 100,000, largest in the upper Volga basin. Its history dates back to the 12th century.

In the face of this threat and

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A New Column In the Daily Worker

Beginning today the Daily Worker presents a new column by its Washington correspondent, Adam Lapin. The column—"They're Saying in Washington"—will appear each Thursday.

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They're Saying in Washington--
By ADAM LAPIN



Armed Workers Defend Leningrad: These worker defenders of Leningrad, besieged Soviet city, built and equipped the armored car shown in background and are now manning it against the Nazis. They are workers at the Iskhora Plant in Kolpino, a town on the outskirts of Leningrad. —Sovfoto Radiophoto

Gen. Marshall Sees Encouragement In Huge Nazi Losses on East Front

Public Backs Newsdealers' Strike Here

Cheer Pickets on as They Fight Starvation Incomes

Eight of New York's largest daily newspapers remained off the stands yesterday as thousands of striking newsdealers, determined to smash the penalty for unsold papers, held their ranks.

Defying rain pickets marched in front of stands that still balked on joining. The decisive area of the city—Times Square, Union Square, Wall St., Grand Central—were completely tied up. The movement spread rapidly to outlying neighborhoods.

An all-day conference between representatives of the Publishers Association and Newsdealers Federation was held.

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—Basic Red Army strategy of inflicting every possible loss upon the Nazis was emphasized by Chief of Staff Marshall as encouraging when he appeared before the Senate Appropriations subcommittee considering the new \$5,985,000 lend-lease bill, it was reported today.

General Marshall told the subcommittee that the German armies are making advances only at a tremendous cost in material.

Nazi losses are so huge, General Marshall was reported as saying, that the Germans are rapidly using up their equipment in the present offensive.

The General declined, however, to make any predictions on the

eventual outcome of the war. Subcommittee Chairman Adams, D. Colo., said he would oppose any move to bar lend-lease aid from the Soviet Union.

"If it is a sound premise that Russia is fighting our battle," he said, "I wouldn't be concerned with what church they went to."

100,000 Yugoslav Guerrillas Fight Nazis

Berlin Announces 1,628 Executions in Germany, Occupied Nations

LONDON, Oct. 15 (UP).—Yugoslav quarters said today that the Germans and Italians were "filling the cemeteries" in the suburbs of Belgrade with the bodies of hundreds of innocent Serbian youths, executed in reprisal for the spreading guerrilla movement.

More than 100,000 Yugoslav partisans, known as Chetniks, were reported operating against the German and Italian occupation forces. They were said to be led by regular Yugoslav army officers and to include in their ranks many soldiers who hid in the mountains when the Germans came.

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Help Unlock Prison Gates, Gurley Flynn Says in Browder Petition Drive Plea

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Executive Secretary of the Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder, 1133 Broadway, and veteran defense worker has issued a national appeal to all organizations and individuals to make Browder Petition Day, Oct. 25 and 26, "the key to unlock the grim tight-locked doors of Atlanta Penitentiary."

The veteran defense worker declared that "the release of Earl Browder depends upon this signature campaign. These petitions will open the path to freedom for

Earl Browder." She pointed out that a really impressive job can be done on these two days if every organization and individual put their shoulders to the wheel.

"In signing this petition," Miss Flynn said in her statement, "you are joining other Americans exercising their constitutional right to petition the President for a redress of wrong. You will be signing with liberals, writers, artists, actors, musicians, steel workers, coal miners, painters, bakers, trade unionists, CIO and AFL officials. Min-

isters have signed. Judges have signed. Earl Browder depends on you. We depend on you. Let us work for the release of Earl Browder NOW. Let us make Oct. 25 and 26 real Browder days. Let us put this drive over in such a big way that we will have a mammoth petition to take to the White House."

The statement said: "Have you signed the petition for the release of Earl Browder from Atlanta Penitentiary? Have you

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Says Future Of Labor In America Is at Stake

Green and Meany Are Re-elected; Browne Not on Executive

By Louis F. Budenz

(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

SEATTLE, Oct. 15.—"All aid to Great Britain, the Soviet Union and China" was unanimously endorsed today by this convention of the American Federation of Labor, in sessions which re-elected president William Green and secretary-treasurer George Meany to their respective posts.

"The American labor movement hereby understands that all aid to Great Britain, the Soviet Union and China on the part of the United States opens the way for the final defeat of Hitler's armies and reaction all over the world," the convention's decision on that matter stated.

"The future of America and of organized labor are bound up with the successful defeat of Fascism," the declaration continued. Such being the case, strong commendation is given to "the stand of President Roosevelt in urging increased aid for Britain, the Soviet Union and China for victory over Hitlerism."

A word in favor of cooperation with the Soviet Union was also said to the convention by Walter Schevenels, Secretary of the International Federation of Trade Unions, who had come hurriedly to Seattle from London via Lisbon. Somewhat apologetically, Schevenels stated that "Russia is a delicate subject but must be faced." The Soviet people he said, are fighting Hitler "with courage and determination."

Again, in a tone of some apology, he told the delegates that "the IFTU has always fought Communism and will continue to do so." But the Soviet armies, Schevenels reminded the convention, "in the battle for the independence of their own country, are fighting for us and our liberties." He urged full cooperation with the Soviet Union, because only in that way can the "grave menace from Hitler" to the whole world be wiped out.

ASK REPRESENTATION

Representation for labor on all defense boards and other like governmental machinery, through labor's own chosen representatives, was urged with some determination by the convention. Labor's "full support" has been and will be given the Government, the declaration states, but that support will never be of the fullest in its realization until labor's own representatives are placed on all boards having to do with defense.

The most lengthy statement on racketeering ever to be adopted by an AFL convention was also approved by the delegates. It follows the general lines of recent pronouncements on that subject—condemning racketeering and gangsterism but also stating that the AFL has no direct power to enforce its opinions upon its autonomous affiliates. The declaration calls upon the International Unions, however, "to clean house" where necessary and imposes on AFL city central bodies the duty of removing any racketeers from among their delegates.

OTHER ACTIONS

Working rapidly toward a conclusion of its business, the convention in turn placed itself on record today in favor of the following proposals: Wider extension of the voluntary pay-roll allotment plan of purchasing defense bonds; continued cooperation with the President's Fair Employment Practices Committee; the granting of leave-leave aid to Ethiopia; abolition of the poll tax and the establishment in Government contracts of equal pay for women workers.

Exclusive craft unionism dogged the convention late yesterday afternoon, when it decided to continue campaigning for such changes in the National Labor Relations Act as would stop plant-unit voting.

At the same time, ironically enough, the machinists and street and electric railway delegates were each charging the other with the "introduction of industrial unionism" into their set-ups.

In the elections today, the present incumbents to the Executive Council were all re-elected, save George E. Browne, who has been twelfth Vice-President. Browne is now on trial in New York for extortion, and the road was eased for his elimination.

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Greek Minister Arrives in Moscow

MOSCOW, Oct. 15 (ICN).—The Greek Minister Plenipotentiary to the USSR, P. P. Penellis, arrived in Moscow on October 14th.

The Echo of Marching Men, a City on Guard -- That's Moscow

By Fedor Panferov

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Oct. 15.—Red Army reinforcements have been marching in many thousands these past few days to join the forces of Marshal Semyon Timoshenko who are battling the Nazis at the approaches to this capital.

Along Kalayev street they moved, marching with firm, measured tread, the bayonets on their rifles glinting in the sun, their helmets and canteens slung across their backs. They marched and smiled at Moscow, heart of the country.

Company after company, battalion after battalion

came swinging down the streets. All the traffic stopped—trams, auto buses, and pedestrians—giving the Red Army men the right of way.

RETURN WITH VICTORY

A girl in the crowd threw a bunch of flowers to the marching column. Battalion Commissar Petrov, deftly catching the bouquet, cried out: "We leave with flowers and shall return with victory!"

And again company after company, battalion after battalion, moved to meet the foe. We involuntarily merged with this iron stream, falling in step with those who within a few days will go into battle. Near us marched a

Red Army man, the father of a family. Alongside him stopped his wife, carrying their small son in her arms. With his right hand the father held the rifle strap, with the left, the hand of his son. "Is it still a long way off to the war, papa?"

"No, my boy," replied the father. And so they marched along the street of the capital, this Red Army man, a mechanic by profession, and the mother with their son.

Muscovites lined the street, cheering the Red Army men. All of a sudden, a song rang out, a song about the fatherland, about the Soviet country.

Company after company, battalion after battalion, caught up the melody. The capital's inhabitants also

joined in.

And it seemed as if the mighty stream was saying: "Beware, frenzied enemy!"

One of the Red Army men remarked:

"I am a factory worker, a native of Moscow. My father who in his day lived in Krasnaya Presnaya district, bequeathed to me honesty, love for labor and hatred of the enemy."

Then he, too, joined in the singing.

Thus march and sing the sons of the fatherland. Such are their thoughts about the war.

And they will ruthlessly crush and destroy the hated enemy.

Correspondents with the Red Army Write from Front: The Germans Advance--Over Heaps of Their Own Corpses

Dnieper Gains Made At Vast Cost to Nazis

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Oct. 15.—The Nazis lost three infantry battalions on a single sector of the Southern Front as the Red Army hurled them back to their original positions today, but the Soviet forces still face serious danger here, according to Red Star's correspondent.

The Germans, he wrote, are mustering all their reserves. At individual points they have captured Soviet territory on the eastern bank of the Dnieper and are trying to advance further.

Particularly hard-fought was the battle on Oct. 12. In the morning the Germans concentrated a large mass of tanks and tried to take the commanding height by storm. The attack was repulsed, but the Germans, bringing up reinforcements, repeated the attempt several times.

The Red Armymen were undaunted by the enemy tanks. They began destroying them by gasoline bottles, bundles of hand-grenades and anti-tank artillery. Then, when the fascist infantry broke through, the Soviet units launched a counter-attack and pushed the Germans back.

The enemy lost over three infantry battalions, several tanks and armored cars, artillery, guns,

mortars, and machine guns and were hurled back to their original positions.

The Soviet airforce on this front is responsible for many telling blows on the enemy. Attack planes under flight commander Gushch destroyed two Nazi columns in one day. One of these columns was marching at top speed to aid the advancing Nazi units. It never reached its destination for it lost both men and machines enroute.

The Germans concentrated most of their panzer forces operating in the southern area at two or three sectors of the front, and maneuvered to outflank the Soviet positions.

Along the vast stretch of the battle line they sometimes have been able to discover inadequately fortified points, and by exerting all their efforts, have driven a wedge into the Soviet defense line.

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Nazis Fail to Spring 'Trap' at Bryansk

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Oct. 15.—Hitler's plan to smash the Red Army at the same time that he seized Bryansk completely failed, Red Star's correspondent on the Bryansk Front reported today.

The Soviet forces not only were able to hold the city to the last minute and inflict heavy damage on the enemy, but to retire in good order and continue fighting back, the dispatch said.

Hitler's announcement several days ago that his troops had "encircled and captured" the Red Army troops in this area was a "customary Hitler lie," the correspondent wrote.

"What is true," he said, in part, "is that the enemy actually did try by extensive use of tank columns to dismember the Soviet formations, encircle them, piece-meal and annihilate them."

"The plan failed. The Soviet troops retired in an organized manner and without panic to new positions."

"Battles continue unabated in

this area, and in the most recent encounter the Nazis received a particularly telling blow."

"The story of this long and bloody battle is in brief as follows:

"Scouts reported that large enemy forces were trying to force their way behind the Soviet lines."

"Covering the front with a small force, the Soviet Command directed the main forces against the Germans threatening the rear. A drawn out and stubborn battle ensued and the Germans retreated, leaving behind many killed and wounded, many wrecked tanks and armored cars."

Furious Battles Rage In Orel Direction

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Oct. 15.—Slowed by huge losses in the Orel sector of the Nazi drive on this city, German troops are still making violent thrusts ahead and "battles continue with unabating severity," the Soviet press reports today.

The battles around Orel grow in ferocity every day, the reports state. Repelled by Soviet troops in one sector, the Germans immediately try their luck elsewhere.

With huge concentrations of tanks, artillery, motorized infantry and aviation, the Nazi High Command is endeavoring to dismember Red Army units and encircle them.

The Red Army Command, however, has adopted effective counter-measures. The German losses at this sector have been terrific and the Nazi headquarters have been compelled repeatedly to rush reinforcements from other directions in order to keep up the offensive.

A Red Army tank unit under Commander Katukov in seven days of large-scale engagements, caused the enemy heavy losses. Several hundred machines took part in this engagement on each side.

The Germans repeatedly attempted to encircle Katukov's formation by subjecting it to frequent air attacks and hurling be-

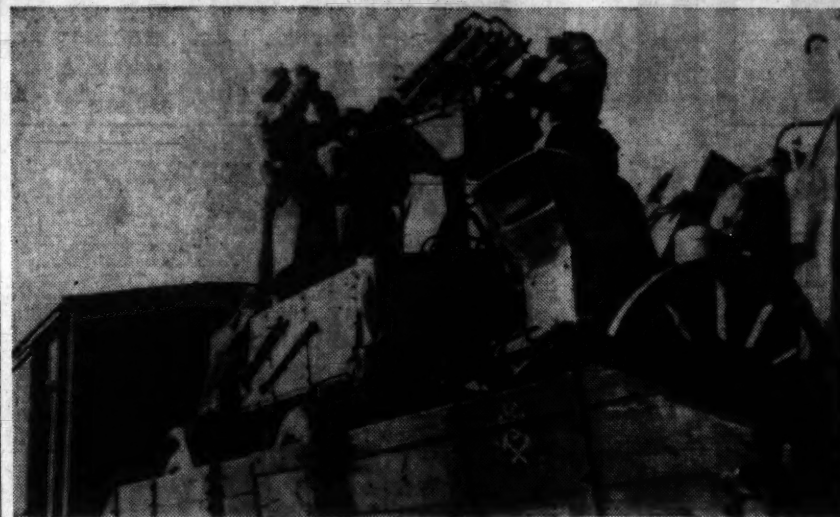
tween 150 and 200 tanks at it in powerful thrusts. Katukov's unit destroyed 120 German tanks and a large force of German infantry.

Another tank unit destroyed 12 enemy tanks and 30 anti-tank guns in two days.

The Soviet aircraft has destroyed many German panzers. During one raid on Oct. 11 Soviet planes destroyed 75 enemy aircraft on the ground.

This resistance has compelled the Germans to bring up fresh reserves. At first the Fourth Tank Division of General Guderian's panzer army operated alone around Orel, but a few days ago it was joined by the Third Tank Division of the same army.

The Nazi advance on this sector of the front is slowing up as a result of the heroic actions of the Soviet tankmen, infantry and airforce, but the enemy still attempts to force ahead and the battles continue with unabating severity.



'Unlock Browder's Prison Gates' Gurley Flynn Pleads

Urges Nationwide
Petition Flood
Oct. 25-26

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asked your neighbor and fellow workers to sign? It is addressed to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. It is asking him to do that which he alone has the official power to do—release Earl Browder. This petition is sponsored by the Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder (1133 Broadway, Room 1525). It states clearly that "we who sign this petition do not consider Mr. Browder's views an issue in this case." It appeals for Presidential action as "an act of justice and fair play," and to "contribute in welding that unity of 130 million Americans so necessary to assure the final destruction of Nazi tyranny." In signing this petition you are joining other Americans in exercising your constitutional right to petition the President for a redress of wrong. You will be signing with liberals, writers, artists, actors, musicians, steel workers, coal miners, painters, bakers, trade unionists, CIO and AFL, as well as independent. Ministers have signed. Judges have signed. Every trade unionist should proudly sign on the dotted line, after Tom Moe and Warren K. Billings, have signed. Every artist and writer should be glad to sign with Art Young and Theodore Dreiser, every singer and artist—with Paul Robeson and Dr. DuBois. Such distinguished Americans as these, in all walks of life, are signing this petition, now. Can we count on you to sign and to collect signatures?

"Oct. 25 and Oct. 26 will be special Browder petition days all over America. We can do a really impressive job on those two days. Let us put the drive over in such a big way that we will have a mammoth petition to take to the White House. If your local organization hasn't enough petitions, write or come if you are nearby to the office at once, to prepare for these two important days. Remember, the release of Earl Browder depends upon this signature campaign. Your personal signature is imperative. Nobody else can sign for you. These petitions are the key to unlock the grim tight-locked doors of Atlanta Penitentiary. These petitions will open up the path to freedom for Earl Browder. He depends on you. We depend on you. Give us your answer now. Let us WORK to release Earl Browder—now. Let us make Oct. 25 and 26 real Browder days."

BROWDER'S FREEDOM VITAL, SAYS MINISTER

Rev. C. E. Jenkins, Minister of the Second Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio, in a letter to the Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder, said that "most people with whom I meet and talk today express the opinion that they see no reason why Earl Browder should remain incarcerated in times like these."

The Rev. C. E. Jenkins writes that it is his firm conviction that no human being is free as long as one man suffers under the persecution of another. If Hitler is to be biotted out in Europe, the Rev. Jenkins wrote, it must not be allowed to thrive in this country. Fascism by any other name is the same death dealing virus in Europe or in America.

PIETRO LUCCHI FOR BROWDER RELEASE

Pietro Lucchi, General Secretary-Treasurer of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union jointly with Ben Gold International President signed yesterday the petition addressed to President Roosevelt, requesting the immediate release of Earl Browder from Atlanta Penitentiary.

PACIFIC MARINE WORKERS RALLY FOR BROWDER

The Pacific Coast Marine Firemen, Oilers, Waterenders and Wipers Association at its regular assembled meeting called upon President Roosevelt to take executive action in the Browder case.

"The continued imprisonment of Earl Browder, on a flimsy passport technically," read the marine workers resolution, "while every effort is being made by our President to unite the people in the nation's greatest effort—that of defeating Hitler—and while scores of thousands of anti-fascist Red Army, Navy and Airman are dying fighting Hitlerism, along with French, Norwegian, Polish, British and other anti-fascist patriots only serves to help Hitler by keeping the working class divided."



Thin Protection is offered by the thatched walls of a house in Puerto Rico as machine-gunners of the "Blue" army get set for an attack by an invading "Red" army in maneuvers conducted recently in the United States' key defense link in the Caribbean. This action occurred near San Juan.

Assails Ellis Report As 'Mess of Untruths'

Replying in peppery language to Tuesday's City Council committee attack, the Municipal Civil Service Commission yesterday denounced the probers' report as "a campaign recital of a series of chronic fakes already exploded in the courts of the last year and a half as false and phony."

"The Tammany report on civil service is exactly what one would expect from a lottery lawyer retained by Tammany Hall to smear an honest administration in the midst of a campaign," the Commission said. "It is a straight product of the Tammany brain trust on civil service which seems to consist of Baron Munchausen, Jules Verne and Dixie Davis."

The first installment of the report, signed by Emil K. Ellis, counsel to the committee, was submitted to the Council Tuesday. The other two installments will be offered on Oct. 20 and Oct. 27, bringing it right up to the Tuesday before Election Day.

MESS OF UNTRUTHS

The Ellis report charged the Commission with laxness, nepotism and favoritism and assailed the Commission president, Paul J. Kern, as being "pro-Communist" because of his various activities in liberal movements.

Terming the report "a hastily concocted mess of misstatements and deliberate distortions of the truth," the Commission charged that Tammany was not only seeking to manufacture campaign material but was also trying to destroy the merit system.

"Under Tammany there were 653 positions in the exempt class subject to political appointment," the Commission said. "We have reduced them to 443."

"Under Tammany only 54.4 per cent of city employees were under competitive civil service, selected by competitive examination. Since we came in the percentage of city employees selected by competitive test has risen sharply to 83.3 per cent."

The Commission made an item-by-item reply to the Ellis report, declaring that its version proved the Ellis charges "absolutely groundless."

EXPLODE GARGAN CASE
The case of Howard M. Gargan, a former examiner of the Commission dismissed for crookedness, was tossed back into Ellis' teeth in the Commission reply. They pointed out that Gargan was "appointed by our predecessors" and was accepted on the recommendations of Tammany officials, including Supreme Court Justice Edward J. Glennon of the Appellate Division and his secretary, Peter J. Baxter, both of whom vouched for Gargan's character.

The Commission also defended itself in detail on other cases cited by Ellis as alleged examples of Commission laxness or worse.

Panel of Tammany counselmen

Stating that in agreeing to review the case of William Schneiderman the United States Supreme Court will consider questions of citizenship affecting every naturalized American, the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, 79 Fifth Ave., yesterday commended the writ of certiorari granted Monday in the case by the Court.

William Schneiderman, who is California State Secretary of the Communist Party, came to the United States in 1908 at the age of 3. At the age of 18, the earliest possible time under the law, he applied for citizenship. Schneiderman became an American citizen in 1927. Twelve years later, in 1939, the Department of Justice ordered his citizenship cancelled on the ground

Guild Officers Admit Defeat; Pledge Unity

Outgoing Administration
Calls for Program to
Smash Hitlerism

Leaders of the present administration of the American Newspaper Guild, CIO, yesterday conceded the election of their opponents in the national referendum to be concluded at midnight today.

Outgoing officers congratulated the successful candidates and pledged support to them in furthering the Guild's trade union program and in unifying the Guild with the rest of labor for "the destruction of Hitlerism abroad and the defeat of the fascist elements at home."

The newly-elected administration is headed by Milton M. Murray of Detroit, president; Sam Eubanks, Oakland, Calif., executive board. Only one of the outgoing administration members remains. He is Ralph Foster of Toronto, Ontario, regional vice-president for Canada. Foster was unopposed.

PLEDGE GUILD UNITY

Pledging assistance to the incoming officers in order to maintain continuity of Guild work, the outgoing officers declared that they would continue to seek unity in the Guild. The statement was signed by Guild president Donal M. Sullivan of Boston, executive vice-president Milton Kaufman of New York and secretary-treasurer Victor Pasche of Newark.

"The need for unity in the Guild, upon which we campaigned, does not end with the count of the vote," said the outgoing officers. "We believe it is something that the successful candidates recognize too. They have our support in achieving that unity around the program of the ANG."

"Now that a long campaign is over, we can all recognize that while we have been pre-occupied with the internal affairs and differences of the Guild, it has become clear that the welfare of the Guild membership, like that of the whole American labor movement, is being shaped by world events."

TO CRUSH HITLERISM

"The battlefields of Europe and Asia are deciding at this moment the future of democracy and of free labor throughout the world, including the American people. The destruction of Hitlerism abroad and the defeat of the fascist elements at home are the major immediate concern and responsibility of the American labor movement, of the American people."

The program of the American Newspaper Guild, laid down in successive conventions, is a program of vigorous progressive industrial unionism. It is a program which affords the basis for complete unity of the membership in building our union, in taking our place with the whole labor movement. It is a program which will help achieve the unity which the people of this country need to meet the unparalleled dangers confronting us.

"In carrying out these tasks as the elected leadership of the American Newspaper Guild, the new officers will have our sincere and unqualified support. We urge those who supported us in the campaign to give these officers their unstinting backing in the same spirit. We know they will."

The official tabulations of votes cast by the 12,287 Guild members eligible to receive ballots will be conducted tomorrow night at ANG headquarters, 14 Pearl St.

An unofficial tally up to yesterday showed that the new slate had received approximately 5,300 votes to the administration's 3,000.

Call ILGW Rally On Medical Aid

A membership meeting of Dressmakers' Local 22, International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, will be held immediately after work today to hear a report on the progress of the union's fund drive for medical aid for Britain and the Soviet Union. The meeting will also consider other problems affecting the trade and the local's budget.



HUNTING SPIES VIA THE AIR WAVES: James Homes, assistant supervisor of the Government's South Pacific monitoring area, is shown operating the new H-shaped long-distance direction finder at the counter-espionage radio station at Santa Ana, Calif., where foreign propaganda broadcasts are checked.

TWU Support Of Mayor Seen Following Talk

Grievance Adjustments
Promised Union;
Leaders Meet

Strong indications that the Transport Workers Union, hitherto silent on the municipal campaign, would swing into line with the rest of the CIO and endorse Mayor LaGuardia were given yesterday after union leaders conferred with the Mayor at City Hall.

The conferees for the union were Michael J. Quill, international president, and Austin Hogan, president of the New York local.

While neither the Mayor nor union representatives would comment, it was learned on good authority that various issues between the union and the city were ironed out in the 45-minute conference.

The Mayor will grant the union's demand for a labor grievance board, it was reported, and he will probably name to it his labor secretary, Mrs. Ethel S. Epstein.

TO ADJUST GRIEVANCES

The Mayor was to have promised correction of various other grievances. Withdrawal by the Board of Transportation of the paid lunch hour for workers on the Independent Subway System may be rescinded, it was said. Employees on other sections of the city-owned transit system get paid for their lunch time.

Wage adjustments are also in the cards, it was indicated in transit circles.

Efforts on the part of Tammany majority nominee William F. O'Dwyer to obtain TWU backing was scheduled for discussion at a meeting last night of about 400 executives of the union at Transport Hall, 153 W. 64th St.

Consensus of the executives' feeling was that the interests of the union could best be advanced under a LaGuardia administration and that O'Dwyer is definitely "a tool of Tammany."

O'Dwyer's chief supporters in the union are known Coughlinites and opponents of President Roosevelt's policies of all-out aid to Britain, the Soviet Union, China and other peoples resisting fascist aggression.

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Shops Elect Delegates To 'Daily' Conference

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The Daily Worker is brought into Fromm Brothers, a fur auction house, located at 275 Seventh Ave. every day and those who do not buy it participate in the discussions arising from the various stories and news items, Burt Sutta, fur worker, told the Daily Worker yesterday.

"Not all of them agree with the editorial policy of the paper, but on trade union issues, it is pretty nearly final for all of them."

That is why, when the subject of the Daily and Sunday Worker Shop and Industrial Conference to be held on Oct. 25 at Irving Plaza, was raised, the workers voted unanimously to send an official delegate, Moe Dobbs, chairman of the shop. Other shops sending official delegates are the Havana-Madrid exclusive Broadway nightclub; the Campus Restaurant in the Plymouth Hotel and the New Deal Club at 48th St. and Eighth Ave.

A group of workers from a large social service agency wired conference headquarters at 35 East 12th St. this week: "Heartily endorse Daily Worker Shop Conference. Plan to have several shopmate delegates."

"We are expecting official endorsements from 12 to 15 shops in the New York industrial area," Joe

representing groups of shop workers. Leading individuals and key workers in fur, needle, shoe, warehouse, food and furniture industries as well as non-Communist Party workers will be present."

Thousands of Daily and Sunday Workers are already being distributed among the shop workers by Industrial Sections No. 1 and 2. The conference will outline an organizational program for building a steady, permanent circulation in the factories and trade union locals of New York.

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Union Hails City Promotion Of 316 Clerks

Guinier, Union Leader, Says It Is 'Step in Right Direction'

Promotion of 316 clerks in the city's service was yesterday hailed as a "step in the right direction" by the New York District Council of the State County and Municipal Employees, CIO.

The promotions which go into effect today, announced by Budget Director Kenneth Dayton, will bring wage increases amounting to \$7,000 for the remainder of 1941; \$16,000 in 1942 and \$32,000 for 1943 and hereafter.

Ewart Guinier, district president of the SCMWA, said the promotions are a partial victory for the union's many months of effort to win increases for employees who are actually doing work that rates higher scales. The union cited this success as further proof of the need of the civil service union and a boost to its campaign for \$180 general annual wage increase for city employees.

TO PRESENT PETITION

On October 26, Guinier said, the union will present to Mayor La Guardia and the City Council a petition bearing over 100,000 names favoring the \$180 raise.

At the same time Guinier lashed out sharply against Commissioner William B. Herlands, who Tuesday for the second time asked a postponement of hearing on the charges pending against Guinier. This time the postponement was two weeks. On Oct. 2 it was for ten days.

Referring to Herlands as part of "the appeasement forces within the LaGuardia administration," Guinier said the postponement is further proof that Herlands has a case made out of only "thin air." Guinier, a junior examiner in the Municipal Civil Service Commission, had been under suspension since July.

The union head, who is one of New York's most active Negro labor leaders, said Herlands seeks to drag out the case against him to enable continuance of an attack on the union in the Welfare Department. The union, he said, will continue its efforts to convince Mayor LaGuardia that Herlands' tactics are only playing into the hands of the re-baiting O'Dwyer forces.

A joint meeting of the district and local executive boards of all New York affiliates, held at the Pulitzer Building, endorsed Daniel Allan, the union's district secretary-treasurer as Brooklyn candidate for the City Council, and prepared to put its entire strength behind him.

Mrs. Churchill Praises Courage Of Soviet Fighters

Mrs. Winston Churchill has issued a special appeal for new funds for Red Cross aid to the Soviet Union, a British radio reported yesterday.

"I want this appeal to be a success," she said, according to the British radio which broadcast was heard here by the CBS listening station, "and I do not think I shall appeal in vain because it is what the people are looking for."

"The people of Russia have set up a new standard of courage and endurance," Mrs. Churchill declared, "we must pray to God that we shall not be subjected to the same trials they have endured. But if we are, we shall have a very great example to follow."

Uruguayans Sign Album To Be Presented to FDR

MONTEVIDEO, Oct. 15 (UP).—An album containing the signature of 2,000 prominent Uruguayans was accepted by Foreign Minister Alberto Guani today for delivery to President Roosevelt.

In accepting the album, Guani said that the foreign policy of Uruguay coincides with that of President Roosevelt "first in favor of a strong solidarity among the American nations, and second, in favor of collective defense of the continent, which must not be delayed, as inaction constitutes a crime in these days of uncertainty."

Chicago Sunday Worker Mobilization Oct. 19 to Bring Paper to Entire City

By Morris Childs and Irving Herman

The fate of all mankind will be largely determined by the outcome of the present stupendous struggles on the Eastern Front. The heroic Red Army constitutes the first line of defense, not alone of the peoples of the Soviet Union, but of all nations menaced by Hitlerism. The national independence and security of our own country is in the greatest jeopardy.

In this situation, every opponent of Hitlerism must be at his post. There can be no room for complacency in the present critical period. This above all, applies to the Communists and the numerous friends and readers of the Daily Worker. All of us must take heed



Leader of Free French forces, General Charles de Gaulle, left, chats with Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, U. S. Ambassador to the Governments-in-Exile, at a London luncheon tendered by de Gaulle.

Tokio Fascists Demand Gov't End Talks with U. S.

Attacks Against U.S. Intensified As Nationalists Urge New Grabs

TOKYO, Oct. 15 (UP).—Tohokai, nationalistic organization for the establishment of Japanese dominance in the Far East, demanded today that the government terminate American Japanese negotiations and report to the public on progress made thus far in efforts to end Pacific tension.

The demand was followed by an emergency meeting of 60 executive members of the recently organized association of members of the House of Representatives which decided to "encourage the Cabinet to forcibly and speedily execute Japan's immovable policies relative to construction of the East Asia co-prosperity sphere."

The decision of the association

100,000 Yugoslav Guerrillas Fight Nazis

Berlin Announces 1,628 Executions in Germany, Occupied Nations

Serbia, to Herzegovina, on the Adriatic coast, it was reported. They attack communication lines and bridges and ambush German convoys. They were said to have raided a German ammunition dump in the center of Smederevo, only 20 miles from Belgrade.

BERLIN ANNOUNCES 1,628 EXECUTIONS

BERLIN, Oct. 15 (UP).—There have been 1,628 executions in Germany, the occupied countries and Hungary since the start of the war against the Soviet Union, for offenses ranging from Black Market operations to revolution, a recapitulation of official and authorized reports showed today.

The figures do not include executions in occupied Soviet territory, or prisoners whose fate is in doubt, such as the 25 hostages taken away from Tournai, Belgium, in reprisal for the killing of two German policemen.

VICHY "DISSOLVES" OPPOSITION GROUPS

VICHY, Oct. 15 (UP).—The Official Journal today published a law providing for dissolution of any group or association engaging in activities against the "general interests" of the country.

Violations of the law will be punished by fines and imprisonment and confiscation of the property of dissolved organizations.

SERB PEASANTS HANGED FOR AIDING U.S.S.R.

BUDAPEST, Oct. 15 (UP).—Five peasants were hanged in the former

Yugoslav city of Ujvidek (Novisad) today on a charge of helping the Soviet Union, according to an official announcement.

They and two other defendants had been sentenced to death by a Hungarian military court, but the sentence of a girl student, Vera Pavlovics, was changed to 12 years in a penitentiary, and that of the seventh defendant to 15 years imprisonment.

MORE CZECHS SHOT FOR LISTENING TO RADIO

PRAGUE, Oct. 15 (UP).—Three Czechs, including a policeman, were shot today for listening to foreign radio broadcasts and five others were executed on charges of economic sabotage and preparation for high treason.

All had been convicted by Gestapo courts at Prague or Brunn.

In addition to the three shot for listening to foreign radio programs, one person was hanged at Prague on the sabotage charge. The other four defendants were shot at Brunn.

Thirty-three other cases were turned over to the Gestapo for investigation and three persons were released.

77th EXECUTION IN PARIS

VICHY, Oct. 15 (UP).—Paris newspapers today published an official German announcement that Jean Siquin of Paris had been executed for illegal possession of explosives. Siquin was executed Monday.

The execution was the 77th in Paris since German authorities started reprisals against French opposition to their control.

begin systematic house to house canvassing of their neighborhoods, introducing and selling our paper. Through these mobilizations, the Browder Brigade will endeavor to secure PERMANENT readers for our press, ESPECIALLY NEW SUNDAY WORKER READERS.

We would like to call on all Communists and friends of the Daily Worker to respond to the FIRST SUNDAY MOBILIZATION—THIS SUNDAY, OCT. 19. The work of the Brigade will prove decisive in achieving our immediate goals in the Illinois-Indiana District—1,800 new SUNDAY WORKER READERS and 500 new DAILY WORKER READERS, by Jan. 1. Help win the war against Hitlerism!

Navy Ready to Arm Merchant Ships—Knox

House Committee Okays Neutrality Revision for Debate Today

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the Navy but merely armed for self-defense," he explained.

Asking whether arming ships would change their status so that they could be attacked without warning under international law, Knox replied that the distinction means very little since Germany already has been conducting a campaign of "piracy" on the High Seas.

Knox said that the fact that Britain has armed her merchantmen has had "a profound influence on German submarines and airplanes" and said that a "large number" of Nazi aircraft had been downed by them. He refused to reveal the numbers.

"The arming of our ships will force the submarines to change their methods of attack," he continued. "They must conserve their supply of torpedoes. If a ship is unarmed, the submarine will come to the surface and sink it with gun fire."

"The arming," he continued, "will force the submarines to conduct operations below the surface, slowing them down and impairing their marksmanship."

"There is no doubt that it will increase the security of our vessels, if they carry guns," he said. "They will drive the planes up high and reduce their chances of bomb hits."

Knox said that three, four or five-inch guns will be used, although probably all will not be for the dual purpose of combating both aircraft and submarines. The gun crews, he said, will vary from 10 to 15 men each and will stand continuous watches.

He added that improved defenses have been found against submarines and implied that the British have been destroying large numbers of German U-boats, but said that "very wisely" they have not been telling about it.

Under the plan approved by the Rules Committee, the House will devote all of Thursday to debate on arming the merchant ships and an additional hour on Friday. Then amendments may be offered except those pertaining to Section 6 of the Neutrality Act, which the measure would repeal. This would prevent the opening of the issue of complete revision such as removal of combat zone prohibitions.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee approved the repealer at an early morning session.

3 Badly Burned, 18 Treated in Dupont Blast

DEEPWATER, N. J., Oct. 15 (UP).—Three men were burned seriously today and 18 others were sprayed with steam when a pressure tank exploded at the duPont plant.

The seriously injured—Joseph L. Suder, Harry Saxton and James A. Gerwer, all of Wilmington, Del., were taken to Wilmington Memorial Hospital across the Delaware River by ferry.

The others were treated for minor burns at a first-aid station set up on the company's grounds.

Officials said the accident occurred when excessive pressure in one of the vessels in the naphthalene reducer house blew off the lid and filled the building with scalding vapor.

Bomber Bound for Britain Is Missing

MONTEAL, Oct. 15 (UP).—A Britain-bound bomber is missing with its crew of three, including a Canadian and an American, the Royal Air Force command announced today.

The ship, a Hudson Lockheed, was commanded by a Welshman. Its first officer was W. A. Heron, of Harbor, Pa. C. L. Harder, of Delta, Alberta, was the radio operator.



Time Is Checked by three members of a scouting patrol at Tobruk who synchronize their watches just before starting out for a tour in the Libyan desert.

Nazi Advance Perils Moscow; Losses Heavy

Red Army Inflicts Enormous Toll; Halted Leningrad, Azov Drives

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others in the Vyazma sector southwest of Moscow, and the Orei area to the south, Red Star conceded a peril to the capital.

"The enemy has reached the far-off approaches to the capital," the newspaper said, adding that the defenses must be strengthened immediately.

The Germans were said to have made new breakthroughs in the Vyazma sector. The loss of Vyazma, 130 miles southwest of Moscow, was announced two days ago, but indications now were that the Germans had made their closest approach to Moscow from the north. Red Star reported the use of German parachute troops near Kalinin, noting that one party of them was wiped out.

The German position before Moscow was reported by Red Star to be such that it was now favored by the cold weather. With the ground frozen, the Germans were able to use secondary roads, sending out scouting units of single tanks or motorcyclists to range far afield and call in strong infantry detachments at likely spots.

The Red Army was said to have crossed the river "N," obviously the Neva, on a broad front after capturing the localities of "T," "O" and "I."

In the Bryansk sector, 220 miles southwest of Moscow, the Germans advanced slowly but lost 1,000 men and 30 tanks in one battle.

Near Orel, according to the newspaper Izvestia, Soviet planes destroyed 60 German tanks and 200 trucks the past few days.

In the Leningrad sector, Gen. Bondarev's troops were credited with killing 10,000 Germans and driving the survivors back a mile in the vicinity of position "P." The Germans lost 40 per cent of their effectiveness, it was reported. The Red Army was said to have crossed the river "N," obviously the Neva, on a broad front after capturing the localities of "T," "O" and "I."

AFL Votes All Aid to Britain, USSR, China

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tion from the council by the reduction of its membership to 13.

The Motion Picture and Stage Hands Union, however, refused to yield with grace and insisted upon renominating Browne, who is still president of that organization. The subsequent roll call vote led to a crushing defeat for Browne, he being set aside by a ballot of 37,944 to 421 for Edward Flore, who moved up from the immediately lower vice-presidential position. The sole votes for the defeated candidate were 42 from his own union and one from a member of his union who represented the Colorado State Federation of Labor.

Toronto, Canada, was chosen as the next convention city, toward the close of the day. The convention is now scheduled to conclude all its business by some time tomorrow evening.

Red Cross to Launch Biggest First Aid Drive

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (UP).—Plans for the largest Red Cross first aid program in history in which a nationwide corps of Civilian Defense workers will be schooled as instructors in wartime first aid, were announced tonight.

The number of present Red Cross trainees will be doubled, bringing the number to more than 1,000,000 for the coming year. Courses will include treatment of war gas cases, control of bleeding, transportation of the wounded and other first aid problems which have arisen in bombed civilian centers of Europe and China.

The program will be carried out in cooperation with the Office of Civilian Defense.

"Fires, explosions and other forms of destruction which endanger life—even the possibility of enemy air or sea attack—must be considered," chairman Norman H. Davis said. "By undertaking this program the United States will have a trained, well organized corps of volunteers ready to meet any emergency. Preparedness shall serve as an antidote against fear and panic."

India Spurs Output Of War Materials

SIMLA, Oct. 14 (Delayed) (UP).—India is making five times as many guns as last year, statistics disclosed today, and officials said this typified India's increased participation in the Allied war effort.

India produces 50,000 of the 60,000 articles used in war, including 700 different items of munitions involving the production of more than 20,000,000 individual pieces.

Besides filling her own needs, India until Oct. 1 sent overseas hundreds of thousands of shells and hundreds of million rounds of small ammunition.

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The Front-Line Trenches Of Defense Production

Letters from the front-line trenches of defense production are printed on the Workers Correspondence page of the Daily Worker every Monday.

These letters are important NEWS in the nation's drive to defeat Hitler. If you work in a defense industry, write to Workers Correspondence. If you don't, urge defense workers whom you know to do so.

Bennett Ruling Complicates City Election Drive

Tiger Jockeys Desperately for Candidate for Tremaine's Post

By S. W. Gerson

New York City's complex municipal campaign was complicated further yesterday when it became known definitely that a state-wide election would be held Nov. 4, the same day as the city balloting, to fill the position of the late State Comptroller Morris S. Tremaine, who died Sunday.

With Tammany jockeying desperately to obtain a candidate to help its mayoralty nominee, District Attorney William F. O'Dwyer, chief attention turned yesterday to the American Labor Party, balance-of-power political organization in city and state. The position of the ALP State committee will undoubtedly influence the outcome of the Comptrollership fight.

Doubt about the holding of the state-wide election was dissipated early yesterday when Attorney General John J. Bennett ruled that a special election must be held, a ruling anticipated in most political circles.

Bennett stated that the State Constitution and laws require "that the vacancy should be filled at the general election this year" and that the governor "may make a temporary appointment until and including Dec. 31, 1941."

This promptly gave rise to considerable speculation in Democratic circles that the governor would appoint temporarily Assemblyman Robert F. Wagner, Jr., son of the senior U.S. Senator from New York, and that the Democrats would thereupon nominate him.

SEEK TO BOLSTER O'DWYER

This strategy, it was said, was dictated by the necessity to strengthen O'Dwyer's chances against Mayor LaGuardia. According to Tammany tacticians, Wagner will bring many labor and liberal votes to the Democratic line and thus swell the O'Dwyer total.

It was even hoped in some Democratic circles that the State Committee of the ALP would go along with Wagner, thus insuring his election and weakening the Mayor.

ALP leaders, however, promptly blasted this notion. While declining to be quoted, ALP chiefs made it plain that they placed the Mayor's re-election before anything else. Any effort by Wagner to claim ALP support, they intimated, would be quickly repudiated.

Since the ALP is reluctant to support a Republican—they have always opposed the GOP in state and national campaigns—the only logical alternative is the nomination of an independent Labor Party nominee. This, while possibly increasing Republican chances to win the Comptrollership, is calculated to remove any possible source of embarrassment to the Mayor and avoid giving Tammany any aid in its fight to recapture City Hall.

Mayor LaGuardia was reliably reported to favor just such a strategy as the simplest way out of the political dilemma in which he was placed by the special election.

The State Committee of the ALP will probably meet early in the week-end to make its nomination.

Democratic leaders conferred here during the day with Gov. Lehman. Democratic State chairman James A. Farley called a special meeting of his group for 11 A.M. Saturday at the National Democratic Club here to make the nomination.

At Buffalo, Edwin S. Jaekle, Republican chairman, announced that the G.O.P. would probably meet on Monday in Albany. He is scheduled to arrive here today for conferences with party leaders.

DEWEY'S FINAL DECISION

District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey, leading G.O.P. aspirant for the governorship in 1942, will meet with Jaekle. It was general opinion among political observers that Dewey will make the final decision on the G.O.P. nomination.

Meanwhile, local political developments lagged somewhat, leaders being occupied for the most part with the Comptrollership situation and its effect on the city campaign.

Lloyd Church, Tammany nominee for city Comptroller, made a bid for labor support in a speech over radio station WJCA in which he attacked the city administration for alleged failure to comply with the provisions of the State labor law.

"Can organized labor support for a moment the present Comptroller who has unjustly treated them, trodden on their rights?" asked Church.

Both AFL and CIO city councils have already come out in endorsement of Mayor LaGuardia and his running mates.

Order Further Reduction In German Clothes

BERLIN, Oct. 15 (UP).—Reduction in German clothing rations for the third winter of the war was announced today.

Newspapers, commenting on issuance of new ration cards for clothing, said that textile supplies and textile workers "naturally" were reduced in the third winter of the war. Need of clothing for the German army was emphasized.

Earlier, David Bernstein, treasurer and vice-president of Loew's, testified that he had to pad the treasury records in order to cover a \$100,000 loss allegedly paid Browne and Bioff. He said the money was "recovered" through various financial manipulations so that the books could be kept straight.

Later in the evening he will help enlist the 450 air wardens needed to complete the 1,650 quota of the 41st Precinct. The Mayor, in his role of U. S. director of Civilian Defense, will address a mass meeting staged at the Hunts Point Palace, 163rd Street and Southern Boulevard.

Browne, Bioff Extortion Told By MGM Head

Alleged Racketeering Heads of Union Had Monopoly on Sales

Louis B. Mayer, managing director of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Film Co., testified in Federal court yesterday that William Bioff and George E. Browne virtually had a monopoly on all film sold his company since 1935 until the spring of 1941.

The government had charged that Bioff and Browne, West Coast representatives and president, respectively, of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, extorted \$550,000 from the motion picture industry under threats to call strikes.

Nicholas M. Schenck, President of Loew's, Inc., already had testified that he donated \$100,000 to the shakedown because he feared his company would be ruined. The government claimed that \$150,000 of the \$550,000 had been extorted through the film monopoly.

Mayer said that the film agency, Smith & Allen, had proposed to him it would pay any sub-agency seven per cent on any film his company would buy. Mayer said he told Schenck of the proposition whereupon the latter urged him to allow Bioff to name the sub-agent "because he'll cause plenty of trouble."

Don't ask questions and just go ahead and let him do it," Mayer quoted Schenck.

Schenck earlier had testified that Bioff had agreed to some method for making extortion payments without taking the money directly out of his company's treasury. They agreed to an arrangement whereby Bioff, through an agent, would take commissions for the sale of film to various companies.

Mayer testified that Bioff named Norman Nelson as his agent and later on appointed Harry Beatty his representative to collect the commissions on film sales.

Chicago Unions Begin All-Out War Relief

Invade in West, It Wires Churchill; Acts on Output

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—Citing the increased war emergency, the CIO Council of Cook County today opened a campaign to secure war relief funds and materials for the British and Red armies and urged every local union in Chicago to initiate similar drives. The Council at the same time went on record for the junking of the Neutrality Act. This action was taken at a full meeting of the Council where delegates spoke for more than an hour on labor's heightened responsibility to "keep the wheels of defense industry rolling."

In messages sent to President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill the Council urged the immediate opening of a Western Front against the Nazis. The Council also sent a cable to the Red Army, greeting their heroic stand against Hitler.

Climaxing a series of anti-Hitler actions was the pledge of Council delegates to secure in their local blood donations for the Red Cross blood bank.

DONATE BLOOD

In opening the discussions, Lew Goldstein, of the Fur and Leather Workers, reported that members of the union's executive board had each donated a pint of blood. "While we are not at this moment taking up guns against Hitler, we are donating life-giving blood to those heroes who are now carrying on the front-line battle against Hitler," Goldstein declared.

Another action the Council took was to push the setting up of knitting and war relief groups among trade union women and auxiliaries. The management of the International Harvester Corp. also came in for sharp criticism, with delegates pointing out that the firm has side-stepped government orders for tanks preferring greater profits from non-defense manufacture.

With negotiations now taking place on a renewed union contract to cover 20,000 Harvester workers, Dewitt Gilpin, representative of the Farm Equipment Workers Organizing Committee, declared: "No contract will be signed with our union without a clause stipulating that the company will cooperate with the government to produce for national defense—and that means making tanks, ammunition and bombs."

Connecticut CIO Is Unanimous for Neutrality Repeal

(Special to the Daily Worker)

HARTFORD, Conn., Oct. 15.—The executive board of the Connecticut State CIO Council, representatives of large numbers of workers in munitions and defense industries, has voted unanimously for "outright repeal of the Neutrality Act" and has condemned the activities of the America First Committee.

"The Connecticut State Council of CIO is opposed to the activities of the America First Committee, as the spokesmen of this committee have behaved in such a manner as to be a danger to American labor and American democracy," a Council resolution said.

Acting on the threat of pending unemployment and a delay in production even in defense metal fabricating plants in the state, the CIO board instructed that a questionnaire be sent to all CIO local unions requesting definite information on the problem.

Results of the survey will be discussed with the State Defense Council and Governor Robert A. Hurley.

Furriers' Ladies Auxiliary Meets on Aid to U. S. S. R.

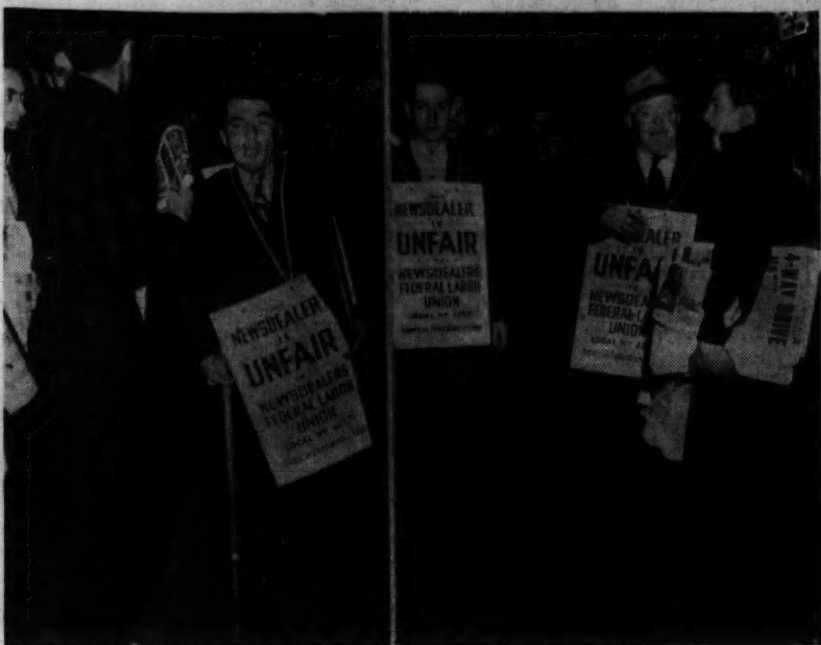
Wives of fur workers are invited to attend the membership meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Furriers Joint Council, CIO, called for tonight at 8 P.M., at 250 W. 26th St. The Auxiliary is preparing an exhibit of sweaters already completed for the Madison Square Garden meeting sponsored by the Russian War Relief, on Oct. 27.

The main speaker at the auxiliary meeting will be Joseph Winogradsky, acting manager of the Furriers Joint Council.

CIO Furniture Workers Call Defense Aid Meeting

The Greater New York Furniture Workers Joint Council, CIO, issued a call yesterday for a special conference of representatives of all furniture shops in the city to be held Thursday, Oct. 23 at Capitol Hotel, 8th Ave. and 51st St.

The Council, affiliated with the United Furniture Workers of America, will map out a program of assistance to the National Defense program. Prominent speakers are scheduled to address the conference.



When 'Bulldogs' Hit Times Square: Scenes on Times Square as the first morning editions came off the press. Left photo shows striking newsdealer, on crutches, on the heels of one of the newsboys publishers have hired, and telling to hundreds of onlookers why they are on strike. Right shows a similar scene at another corner in the square with two pickets sticking close to another newsboy. Purchasers of papers were very scarce.

Public Backs Newsdealers' Strike Here

Cheer Pickets on As They Fight Starvation Incomes

(Continued from Page 1)

Local Labor Union, Local 22,371, AFL, was held at the offices of the State Mediation Board. Following presentation of proposals on the part of both sides, Julius S. Freund, secretary of the Board said, the publishers announced that they will hold a meeting of their labor committee this morning, with a reply most likely by this noon.

The papers affected are the Times, Herald-Tribune, World-Telegram, Sun, Post, News, Mirror and Journal-American.

STRIKEBREAKING FAILS

One fact was apparent: the attempt by the publishers to recruit newsboys to hawk papers on the streets is a flat failure. Only a few youths were mislaid into strike-breaking.

The all-out strikebreaking effort on Tuesday night—a clear night—yielded less than a dozen sales for the entire Broadway area. Union pickets tagged close behind them as immense crowds gathered to cheer for the strikers and jeer the strikebreakers.

The northwest Times Square corner was the featured attraction with about a thousand persons watching the duel. A picket on crutches kept close behind the fast-moving strikebreaker. In a clear voice that rang through the square, he described the condition that forced the newsdealers to organize and strike.

"Where were they when it rained and snowed?" he asked. "They are only hired at as much per day to break our strike."

"They charge us \$2.35 a hundred papers. But do you know what they give us on the returns—just a \$1.50."

"EAT THEM!" "When it rains or snows they force on us more papers than we can sell. If we complain, do you know what the returners tell us? 'Put salt and pepper on them and eat them!'"

Policemen kept sidewalks clear for the strike-breaking newsboys. The crowds applauded the pickets and urged them on.

Film Operators Local Supports FDR Aid Policy

Movie Picture Operators, Local 306, AFL, went on record at a membership meeting in support of President Roosevelt's foreign policy and purchased \$5,000 worth of defense bonds.

This was made public in the "Reflector," new publication issued by progressive members of the union. A copy of the resolution backing the policy of aid to the allied countries, was forwarded to President Roosevelt.

At the same time, Local 306 whose membership of 2,200 makes it the largest affiliate of the Stage Employees, placed its support behind the "Stop Film Censorship Committee," which is fighting the Nye-Clark movie industry. The union's president, Joseph D. Basson, joined the committee.

Local Renews Contract With Raise in Midwest

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 15.—The union shop contract between Local 1140 of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers and the Electric Machine Manufacturing Company here has just been renewed with a flat 10 cent per hour wage raise retroactive to Aug. 1, a 5-cent bonus for every hour of work on the first night shift, 10 cents for second night shift, one- and two-week paid vacations and other improvements. The company sought to deny the union shop provision, and the local filed strike notice. A commission named by Gov. Stassen of Minnesota upheld the company in its refusal. A 23-day strike won the contract with the union shop provision.

U. S. Mediation Action Against Bendix Asked

DETROIT, Oct. 15 (UP).—President R. J. Thomas of the United Automobile Workers (CIO) today urged the Defense Mediation Board to "act firmly" with Air Associates, Inc., the Bendix, N. J., aircraft plant which, he said, has rejected the board's proposal for ending a UAW-CIO strike.

"To permit this company to ignore and flout the recommendations of the board would seriously impair its usefulness," Thomas telegraphed William H. Davis, Mediation Board chairman.

Meet Sgt. Matecko -- Former Miner, Now Called 'One of America's Best Soldiers'

By Harry Raymond

(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

WITH THE FIRST ARMY IN SOUTH CAROLINA, Oct. 15.—Sergeant Andy Matecko is a tall, lean and serious young man from a little coal-mining town, Yukon, Pa.

Special orders of the High Command of the First Army Corps cited this soldier as an outstanding rank and file, a first class leader of troops, a minor tactician of the first order and a man who led his little platoon successfully against a foe overwhelming him six to one in man and fire power in the first phase maneuver problem.

The High Command citation was brief and to the point. It said: "The exceptionally thorough manner in which Sergeant Matecko organized his position with automatic rifles and coordinated support weapons, acquainting him with the situation, is worthy of favorable comment."

I met Sergeant Matecko at his base camp after he had completed five days of tough maneuvers across Carolina rural areas, leading a little band of men through woods and brush in the successful "Red" defense of Winstonsboro against superior "Blues."

Matecko likes to talk about Western Pennsylvania. And we found ourselves veering away from strictly military matters to gossip about the folks back in the Keystone State—Johnstown, Greensburg, Pittsburgh and other Pennsylvania coal and steel centers.

But we got around to the defense of Winstonsboro.

"Oh, yes," he said. "We were in a defensive position three miles northwest of White Oak. It looked bad. The Blues were pouring men in. We organized our position. We had only a small platoon—and we were in the center, but we figured it out. And I discussed the problem with the men and we held."

"But how did you hold this difficult position?" I asked the

Sergeant. "We consulted the military map," he explained. "You see," he said, "I just picked it out because it was good. I knew they couldn't get through, even the mechanized cavalry. We could give it to them. And they didn't know where we were."

Matecko's harassment of the "Blues" aroused considerable interest in Major General James P. Marley's Division command. "Blues" were smashing positions to the right of the "little platoon." The 13th Infantry Regiment was preparing to retire there and the rest of the 28th Regiment on the left found they could hold no longer and planned a retiring action.

"Then up came a Lieutenant Colonel from the Division Command Post to inspect our position," Matecko explained. "He thought our position was excellent."

"COORDINATED ARMS" I took him around and showed him all the machine guns, mortars and supporting artillery and

CIO Union Rejects RCA Pact Proposals

Communication Workers Take Strike Ballot; Play 'Bad Faith'

Employees of RCA Communication, Inc., voted overwhelmingly to reject proposals made by the company and in support of a recommendation of their union negotiating committee to empower it to call "any action up to and including strike" to win their demands for a substantial wage increase and a closed shop, Joseph P. Selly, president of the American Communications Association, CIO, announced yesterday.

ACA members employed by RCA made their decision during a fifteen-day balloting period which terminated yesterday. The company has 1,250 employees in continental United States and Hawaii and maintains exclusive radio telegraph communications with most European capitals.

The strike vote was taken after negotiations, which commenced on Oct. 15, bogged down. The company rejected the union's two demands and countered with proposals for some seventeen changes in the existing contract. The union charged the company with failing to bargain in good faith and attempting to negotiate "backwards."

In announcing the vote, Selly stated: "Our members are fully cognizant of the seriousness of the choice they have voted to take. We reiterate our strong desire to avoid any action which might adversely affect the national defense effort, in which the facilities of RCA play such an important part. However, we will not permit the management to use the present emergency as a black-jack over the heads of the employees in order to feather its own nest."

"The union negotiating committee is fully aware of its responsibilities to the public, the national defense effort and our membership. The company's wanton disregard of these interests forced us to submit the strike vote. We have called to the attention of the appropriate government agencies, and we repeat, that we would welcome any other method to resolve our differences, but we are determined to take whatever steps are necessary to achieve a just and equitable settlement."

Big Unions Aid Girl Strikers at Woolworth Store

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, Oct. 15.—"We want to live and work like Americans, not like Hitler slaves," said a message distributed by CIO members in the crowded shopping district of the city as striking employees of F. W. Woolworth's 5 and 10 cent store entered their second week of picketing.

More than 40 girls walked out of the store when the management tried to stop organization by firing union leaders.

It is the first large strike in any downtown Cleveland retail store. Today the big mass production unions of Cleveland's CIO were moving into action to support the striking girls who earn between \$11 and \$16 per week.

CIO Electrical Union Claims Highest Wage

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 15.—The contract between Warwick Radio Co., and Local 1121 of the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers here was renewed this week with a union shop and the highest wages in the Chicago radio industry.

They're Saying in Washington--

By Adam Lapin

The Daily Worker is pleased to give its readers a new column by Adam Lapin—"They're Saying in Washington." Hereafter the column will appear every Thursday.

Unlike the Throbbottoms who have traditionally occupied his post in the past, Vice-President Wallace is an important government official in his own right. He is actually sort of an assistant President, with general supervision of defense problems one of his special jobs. Now Latin American affairs, in which Wallace has long been interested are increasingly coming under his jurisdiction.

Wallace is reported to have worked out an eight-point program for improving Latin-American relations which will soon be made public. Increased American imports from Latin America, improved cultural relations and the building of a Pan-American highway are among the problems dealt with in the new plan. Wallace has also made a proposal for a survey of the maximum production and raw material resources of the United States and Latin America so that the entire Western Hemisphere could be tied together in a joint defense effort against Hitlerism.

These suggestions may help to break the biggest bottle-neck which is holding up the formation of a solid anti-Hitler front in the Americas—the same business-as-usual attitude which has hampered the defense program as a whole. This problem has even come up in connection with the anti-Hitler propaganda work which Nelson Rockefeller's Office of Inter-American Affairs is carrying on by providing news material and radio programs to Latin America. Private radio networks and news services, like apaiser Roy Howard's United Press, which has a virtual monopoly in Latin America, have not liked this kind of activity at all and have pulled wires to slow it up.

Reports have reached the Office of Inter-American Affairs that some United States business corporations have been guilty of profiteering at the expense of Latin American firms. Then Latin America has been having its priority difficulties as a result of shortages of steel and other materials in the United States.

Wallace has removed one of the obstacles holding up the export of materials to Latin America by taking over the Office of Export Control previously headed by Brig. Gen. R. L. Maxwell. The Vice-President now has exclusive charge of all American exports in the Western Hemisphere. It is also possible that he may soon incorporate into his Economic Defense Board the Office of Inter-American Affairs, but probably without shifting Rockefeller from his post. A move of this sort would probably end the controversy between Col. William Donovan's Office of Information, the State Department and the Rockefeller office over the question of jurisdiction in Latin American affairs. It would also have the effect of relegating Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles to a comparatively minor position in this field.

Inter-office rivalries have obviously not been helpful, but the big problem is that of a stronger policy of full-fledged economic cooperation with the Latin American republics which would help them develop their own resources. This would be one of the surest ways of undermining Nazi agents in Latin America. Incidentally, there is information here that as many as 500 Germans suddenly became naturalized Panamanian citizens between January and July of this year. This is another indication of the gravity of the situation in Panama prior to the flight of ex-President Arnulfo Arias who had marked pro-Nazi leanings.

One of the minor effects of the Vice-President's action in taking over the problem of regulating American export trade is the abolition of the State Department's Division of Controls. The only trouble with this move is that the division's head, Joseph O. Green, has been made head of the Department's

500 Electrical Workers in N. J. Win CIO Contract

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEWARK, Oct. 15.—An agreement covering the 500 workers of the Porene Manufacturing Co., makers of fire extinguishers, was announced yesterday by Neil Brant, international representative of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO.

Declaring the pact was the "best" in northern New Jersey's electrical manufacturing industry, Brant said it provides for a modified union shop; a wage raise of six cents an hour in addition to increases since last April's strike; a week vacation for those with six months and two weeks for those with a year's service; six paid holidays and a month pay for dratates.

The strike at the Isolantite Co. at Belleville, was still on with negotiations deadlocked, Brant said.

Order 51% Cut In Production Of Automobiles

Henderson Slashes Jan. Output; Shortage of Strip Steel Cited

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (UP).—Civilian Supply Chief Leon Henderson today ordered next January's automobile production cut "at least" 51 per cent below the output of January, 1941, and warned that the reduction probably would be considerably greater.

The order limited manufacturers to a maximum output of 204,848 passenger cars next January, compared with 418,350 in January, 1941. Announcement of the cut order was made after Henderson and other government officials met with the Automotive Industry Defense Advisory Committee.

Halifax Gets Jewelry Local Plea on West Front

Local 1 of the International Jewelry Workers Union, AFL, yesterday called upon Viscount Halifax in Washington to support the British people's demand "that a Western front be opened immediately."

In a letter to Britain's representative in this country, the local declared in part, "We in America, with the British people feel that now is the time to open the war on two fronts. This is Hitler's greatest fear."

The letter was signed by Andrew Leredu, secretary-treasurer.

400 Newark Workers Win 10c Hourly Raise

NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 15.—Four hundred employees of the Poole Pierson Company here this week have a new union contract with a flat 10 cents per hour raise, vacations, and a voluntary check-off arrangement. They are members of Local 437, United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers.

UAW Calls Off Stoppage at Defense Plant

DETROIT, Oct. 15 (UP).—President R. J. Thomas of the CIO United Automobile Workers agreed today to call off the strike at the Hillside, Mich., Steel Products Co. pending outcome of a conference with the Defense Mediation Board in Washington.

Thomas lifted the strike ban after the board agreed to mediate the grievances at the plant.

The ending of the strike paves the way to resumption of work at the Toledo, O., plant of the Spicer Manufacturing Co. The 500 CIO employees affected had been transferred from the transmission department to other work because of an agreement forbidding handling materials from the strike-locked Hillside plant.

CIO workers at Spicer had refused to handle AFL-made parts at Hillside until 289 of their members were reinstated. Thomas asked them to end their boycott at the request of the National Defense Mediation Board.

Unionists Call Consumer and Defense Parley

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BALTIMORE, Oct. 15.—CIO and AFL leaders and representatives of women's, Negro and civic organizations will be heard at the conference on "Consumers and National Defense," to be held here Sunday, Oct. 19 at the Hotel Stratford. Sponsors for the conference include Mayor Howard W. Jackson and ten of the 18 Baltimore City Councilmen.

The session on commodities which begins at 2 P. M., will have as panel leaders James Drury, president of the Baltimore Industrial Union Council, CIO; Dr. Elmer Fancosca ofoucher College; Furman E. Templeton, industrial secretary of the Baltimore Urban League and Oliver Peterson of the Office of Price Administration and Consumer Supplies. The session on rents scheduled for 7:30 P. M. will hear Charles A. Cummins, chairman of the Fair Rent Committee and Robert J. Buxbaum of the Baltimore Buildings Trades Council, AFL.

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American Labor Should Follow Suit

The arrival in Moscow of the delegates from the British Trades Union Congress to inaugurate the joint Anglo-Soviet Trade Union Council will thrill the working people the world over. For it means that two great labor movements are being linked together in order to bring about the destruction of the madman Hitler.

The significance of this event should be appreciated especially in the trade unions of the United States. If, as William Green and many CIO leaders say, everything must be done to defeat Hitler, then one of the first steps which American labor should take should be to join the conference table where now sit the representatives of British and Soviet labor.

The trade unions of Britain and the Soviet Union are burying whatever disagreements they may have had in the past because they understand that united action is crucial.

But the Red Army is fighting the battle of American labor just as it is fighting and dying in the interests of British labor. If the AFL and CIO fully realize, therefore, the need to defend the United States, they will grasp the importance of burying any disagreements that they too may have had with the unions of the Soviet Union and hasten to turn the new Trade Union Council into an American-Anglo-Soviet Council.

Akron Sets An Example

The action of the Summit County Election Board of Akron, Ohio, in certifying the candidacy of Sigmund Wenger, Communist candidate for the city council, is a victory for civil liberties and free elections.

Reactionaries had falsely charged that the Communist Party came under the Stewart-Slagle bill which banned from the ballot all parties which had "connections with any foreign government" or which advocated "force and violence."

The Summit Board held that the Communist Party did not come within either of these categories. In doing so, it confirmed what most informed people know and what is a matter of public record on the words and deeds of the Communists.

The canard of "force and violence" has never been true with respect to Communists. But the appeasers are resurrecting it for the purpose of dividing national unity against Hitler and to intimidate workers and progressives who insist upon an all-out fight against Hitler and his friends in the United States.

Labor and democratic citizens are to be congratulated for their vigilance in defeating this reactionary attempt. They have acted to protect their own liberties and at the same time upheld civil liberties and free elections for all citizens.

Akron has set an example which should be followed by the people in other cities where the appeasers are trying to undermine anti-fascist unity.

The preservation of the electoral rights of the Communists is a vital step toward achieving that national front against Hitlerism which is vital for the security of the United States.

On Religious Freedom

Two items for the special attention of the America First hypocrites who tried to help Hitler by raising the false issue of religious freedom in the Soviet Union—

Oslo, Norway—The pro-Nazi government paper demanded again that the Norwegian church join the new Axis order.

Berlin—A DNB dispatch carried an announcement that the Catholic trade unions of Holland had been dissolved.

So much for their fascist hero of Berlin who is hawked as a "defender of Christianity."

Not content merely to oppress in the name of God, Hitler has named himself God. And woe to any Christians of Europe who dare to be doubtful about his divinity!

No wonder that the Polish priests, the Norwegian bishops, and the Czech churches spurn the Nazi blandishments, and clasp the hands of the Red Army as colleagues against a common, hated enemy who is defiling civilization.

Hitler's 'New Order' In Lithuania

With the forcible disbandment of the so-called "Freedom Fighters" in Lithuania, Hitler has given another example of his "New Order" in action.

The Nazis selected a few Quisling leaders and set up this organization to be used against the Soviet Union. But because the Lithuanian people are increasingly fighting the fascist conquerors — along what the Nazis call "nationalistic lines" — Hitler hastens to smash any and all Lithuanian organizations. "There can be no more question of the Baltic States recovering any kind of political life," the Nazi spokesmen state.

When the Soviet Union gave Baltic peoples freedom for the first time, enabling them to smash the pro-fascist cliques at the top, there was a howl in reactionary circles throughout the world. The Hearst press in this country led the pack. Now it is obvious just what such fascists as Hearst wanted for the Baltic peoples.

What has happened to Lithuania is a preview of what Hitler intends for Finland. Those circles which paint the Mannerheim-Ryti regime as "innocent democrats," are helping a gang of Quisling traitors who have already sold out their people to Hitler.

All out collaboration with aid to the Soviet Union become vital to the restoration of the independence and freedom of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. Americans of Baltic origin, find once more that the independence of their homelands coincides with the national front in this country for the defeat of Hitler and the national security of America.

Treacherous Words

By Bullitt

Speaking at a meeting here the other night, William C. Bullitt, former Ambassador to France, stated, according to the press, that the Soviet Union has "withdrawn one-third of its Far Eastern Army from Eastern Siberia for the defense of Moscow."

Now, how does Bullitt know what disposition the Soviet Union is making of its troops? Furthermore, the kind of statement which Bullitt made can only serve to invite Japan to attack Siberia. And Bullitt, ardent Munichman, no doubt had this in mind.

Instead of permitting people in State Department circles to stimulate Japan into attacking the Soviet Union, the American government should serve notice upon Japan that any move against Siberia will be resisted by American armed might.

Nothing Better To Offer

Every man, woman and child in New York City is concerned with strengthening the national effort to defeat Hitler and thus to remove the foreboding shadow which hangs over this and other cities throughout the country.

Not so with District Attorney O'Dwyer. His red-baiting becomes more rabid until Monday evening he proceeded to classify practically his entire opposition as "Communist." It is becoming increasingly difficult to distinguish what he says from the speeches of Goebbels.

What, then, is to be made of his ridiculous assertion of a "deal" between the Communists and the City Administration. This is a cock-and-bull-story having the aim of splitting the anti-fascist front, intimidating labor and progressives, in order that O'Dwyer, candidate of the appeasers, can win.

Throughout the country, the Communists, along with other progressives, have raised as the main issue: unity against Hitler, and for the national independence of the country. That is true in election campaigns all over America.

The appeaser camp, represented by Mr. O'Dwyer is not only friendly to Hitler, but carries with it the badge of political corruption. Having nothing better to offer New York citizens than the return of the tin-box brigade, police club rule, and other notorious Tammany evils, Mr. O'Dwyer tries to cover it all in red-baiting.

It is incumbent upon anti-fascists and all civic-minded people who believe in clean government to unite for Mr. O'Dwyer's defeat.

HUMANITY'S BATTLE



'Our Stake in Russia'-- An Editorial From the Cleveland News, Sept. 24

The following editorial "Our Stake in Russia" appeared in the Cleveland News last Sept. 24. While the Daily Worker does not submit entirely to the viewpoints of the editorial, it is happy to reprint it as a further vigorous expression of the growing demands for American action in joint collaboration with the Soviet Union and Great Britain to the end that Hitlerism will be wiped out forever.

Our Stake in Russia

Before Kiev fell to the German army, it was a source of great satisfaction to the Russians—and to all who wish them success — that Kiev, Moscow and Leningrad were still standing at the end of three months of assault.

Then Kiev fell. Symbolically, this opened for Hitler the gates to such foodstuffs and oil as he needed to carry on indefinitely against the peoples who still stand in the way of his conquest of the world. The Germans made the most of their triumph, filling the air for 48 hours with fantastic claims of destruction.

But with Kiev gone, headlines read much the same. Russians driving their enemies back elsewhere along the front. Leningrad, assaulted for weeks, still standing. Despite Nazi claims of "wiping out" the Kiev army of defense, no claims of having moved much beyond that city.

This is the thing that Hitler can't understand, the thing that will destroy Hitlerism in the end. It is morale. So far, Russia's is military morale. England's was civilian morale—in both cases, a mass psychology of fearlessness that endures any man-made shock.

It is not enough to admire the Russians' courage. We Americans have a tremendous stake in their immediate cause of self-preservation. We still need many months in which to arm the British and ourselves for the final clash. For the fact that Japan is cowering during this period, and the fact that the mighty German machine is not now concentrated on England and the Atlantic's shipping routes, we have only the Russians to thank.

Hitler in Grip of Protracted War; Hope of Liberation Sweeps All Europe

By D. Zaslavsky

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Oct. 15.—Hitler has swept over Europe with predatory war and barbarian massacres, everywhere promising peace and a "new order." He found traitors and clothed them in the cloaks of rulers, declaring that he does not interfere in home affairs. This was how puppet governments were set up and they are doing their best to curry favor with their master.

Nations were conquered and remained silent. They were astounded, thrown into consternation and deceived. Only recently Europe resembled a huge graveyard, where the Laval and Quislings walked hand in hand with the German Gauleiters.

They wanted to show the people how independent all these Petains were in negotiating with the Germans as equals. They tried to convince the people that "collaboration" with the victorious Germans would buy their country peace, economic restoration and enable it to collect its forces and heal its wounds. And there were some who believed them. What remains of all this today? The Quislings and Laval no longer walk hand in hand with the German satraps and try to look independent. They cowardly hide behind the backs of these satraps. They have a morbid fear of their own peoples. In Norway, France, Yugoslavia, drastic laws are being issued to safeguard Hitler's agents, his French, Norwegian and Yugoslav Gauleiters.

But these laws will not daunt those who avenge their nations' suffering. The Quislings, Petains and Nedics are isolated politically and morally. Hitler hoped to be able to rely on the traitors in every country, he regarded them as true agents and assistants in strangling the peoples. But they proved impotent and themselves stand in need of aid from German garrisons.

These garrisons, however, are dwindling in numbers, for Hitler uses them to patch up his broken ranks at the eastern front. Why did this "new order" of fascism collapse? Because there was no new order at all, it was only a fascist signboard to cover up organized and systematic looting.

The Germans cannot stop this looting although they are only too well aware of what repercussions it holds out. Trembling at the prospect of a Russian winter, they are taking every last stitch of clothing from the Norwegian population which is more warmly clad than other occupied peoples. But the Norwegian blanket cannot be enough to keep Germany warm. The Hitlerites are assuring Germany and the whole of Europe that all this is but temporary, that as soon as the war is over, a real "new order" will set in.

HITLER'S HYSTERICAL LIE

In his last speech Hitler cried hysterically that the end of the war was near, that one more "decisive" battle, one more "gigantic" effort, and this promised era of the "new order" would begin.

This is a lie. It is a new attempt to deceive the people by prolongation and procrastination. For Hitler and Nazi Germany there can be neither a "final" nor "temporary" decision which depends on the Germans. Hitler is in the grip of a protracted war. In this war he will not be saved either by temporary success or by the seizure of cities.

This was admitted very recently by the Nazi press when it hoped for a speedy termination of the war. Now it maintains silence on this point as it contemplates the vast areas of the USSR already covered by the first snow. The whole of Europe knows this; it is alarmed at the inevitable hunger that faces it. It doesn't believe a single word uttered by the Petains and the Quislings.

It has a measureless hatred for the Germans who have robbed and subjugated Europe. It had ample opportunity to find out that no order, neither new or old, can be established by the Germans who are powerless against hunger in their own country. Europe sees for itself that the war engineered by the fascist cannibals has swallowed up all the foodstocks and will now swallow up human beings as well.

HOPE OF LIBERATION

It is with ill-concealed fear that the servitors of Hitler watch garrison after garrison being removed from occupied countries and dispatched to the front from which they will never return.

Throughout Europe, there is growing hope of liberation. The peoples look to the east where the heroic Red Army, supported by the entire Soviet people, is exhausting the forces of the fascist cutthroats in fierce battles.

Great are the ordeals of the nations in this long, protracted war. The grimness of the ordeals is borne by the Soviet people upon whom the frenzied enemy has unleashed all his forces.

Hitler is desperately playing for the "final decision." But the final outcome of the protracted war depends not on him but on the powerful coalition of freedom-loving nations.

Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

Mussolini's newspapers reviled Columbus this week for discovering America. Their hero is the guy who discovered "America First."

When the Southern University Conference expelled Georgia U. because of Governor Talmadge's attacks on racial equality, Talmadge barked: "If these Northern elements want to secede, it is all right with us." Everybody out of goose-step except Talmadge?

Senator Wheeler says that the Administration wants the Neutrality Act repealed in order to start an "incident." Maybe Wheeler can tell us just what "incident" it was that provoked Hitler into seizing all Europe, attacking Africa, invading the Soviet Union and setting his cap for the world.

While Earl Browder remains in the penitentiary, Martin T. Manton, the former judge who used to sell decisions, has been released from jail five months ahead of time because of "good behavior." In Browder's case, it was because of genuinely good behavior out of prison, that he was put in.

Last week William Randolph Hearst was writing that England was not worth saving. This week he writes that it is a crime for anyone to urge England to invade the continent because that would mean weakening England's defenses. No matter what keys on his typewriter Hearst touches, they always spell out: "D-O-N'T S-T-O-P H-I-T-L-E-R."

Although the Daily Worker, in its account of the newsdealers' strike, reported that PM, the Eagle and the Worker were not affected, PM in its account of the strike just could not get itself to mention the Daily Worker. Maybe PM ought to get out a second edition called PS which would bring the regular edition up to date.

The FBI is examining the list of Communist Presidential electors of 1940 and the Dies Committee is examining Communist nominating petitions. Maybe it's time for some government agency to ask for the complete list of American Communists who died fighting General Franco and Hitler in Spain—and erect a monument to them.

William L. Hutchison is president of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, but the workers never intended him to join a sprouting fascist outfit like "America First."

M. Drucker sends in this two-liner for our No-Prize Contest:

Let's joll the Nazi-Wheeler Pact
By scrapping the Neutrality Act.

And M. B. suggests that Brooklyn fans may say, "Wait till next year to beat the Yanks," but that the Yanks can't afford to say, "Wait till next year to beat Hitler."

B. S. says it is still All Too Quiet on the Western Front.

Many a tool for Hitler is trying to stop us from turning out enough tools for the Allies.

When O'Dwyer accuses LaGuardia of being a "part-time" Mayor, is this to hide the fact that the Tammany candidate would be a full-time appeaser?

Letters From Our Readers

Fort Bragg Soldier Writes on Removal of Col. Elliot

Washington, D. C.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I read with considerable interest your editorial on Saturday, Oct. 11, which dealt with the removal of Colonel Elliot from his command at Fort Bragg. It seemed to me that while you properly emphasized this as a victory for Negro rights, you omitted other factors in his removal which are of equal importance.

The shakeup at Fort Bragg was due to the Post Commander's inability to prevent the public from believing that poor morale was based on a callous and undemocratic attitude toward the men. One illustrative incident was, of course, the clash between the white M.P.'s and the Negro soldiers. The affair, however, which precipitated the shakeup was the Hahnay case when, in an effort to intimidate the men, a draftee received a sentence of 10 years, 9 months for an offense which merited six months in the guardhouse. Colonel Elliot was kicked downstairs not just to placate those Americans who recognize Negro rights as part of the core of a democratic defense, but also in recognition of the fact that the first prerequisite of a democratic army is a positive attitude toward the men. In this sense the victory was even greater.

Such success would indicate that the army and its attitude toward the men, given frank and constant attention, are extremely sensitive to civilian pressure and change. Here, indeed, is the first step in welding together a democratic army. And in these front-line days what more urgent task can we set ourselves than that of achieving a thoroughgoing democratization together with professional efficiency.

We, who are in service, are handicapped by virtue of our position, in our attempts toward that end. We look to helpful civilian gadflies to sting the sluggish consciousness of the brass hats.

A SOLDIER AT FORT BRAGG.

Editor's Note:—There seems to be no fundamental disagreement between "A Soldier at Fort Bragg" and ourselves. In addition to the removal of Col. Elliot being a victory for Negro rights, the above letter states that it was a step toward "welding together a democratic army." We agree. Our editorial of Oct. 11 described the removal of Col. Elliot not only as a victory for Negro rights but also one of "far-reaching consequences for national defense." A vital necessity for a united and strong army, we pointed out, was the elimination of such attitudes of Col. Elliot which "weaken morale and serve as an impediment to full solidarity between the people and the armed forces." Our writer appears to agree with us on this.

The writer evidently was in possession of facts that this newspaper did not have at its disposal. But the new facts cause no disagreement; they only emphasize that where there is a Ku Klux attitude toward Negro servicemen it leads to callous undemocratic attitudes toward white soldiers.

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CHANGE THE WORLD

Only Thing British Tories
Haven't Got Is Genuine
Desire to Beat Hitler

By MIKE GOLD

THEY haven't got the ships, they haven't got the men, they haven't got the planes, they haven't got the place for an invasion of the continent.

This is the dreary, many-decked alibi built by British Tories to explain why they can do positively nothing against the Nazis at this particular moment.

But all this elaborate whining can be compressed into one bitter capsule: all that they haven't got is the genuine desire to beat Hitler.

The same old Munich gang is lifting its head again, but this time the British people are not taken in. We are seeing the beginnings of revolt against the Halifaxes, Brandons and Lady Astors and all that crew of sneaks and double-talkers.

The issue is plain as day. If the Soviet Union can be defeated, if it can even be weakened, Hitler can turn in safety to the conquest of England. That was the whole object of his surprise attack on the Soviet Union; he announced this aim openly in the speech he made on the night of the invasion. Helping the Soviet Union now is the only road to safety for England.

And England has men, over three million trained soldiers. England has planes, certainly more planes than Hitler has left behind in Europe while the Soviet war is on. England has ships, they are on every ocean.

Nobody asks England to attempt a major war in Europe. She is only asked to make a strong diversion, a series of attacks at a dozen different points that would force Hitler to draw off a million men from the Russian front.

The Yugoslavs haven't the planes, men, munitions, ships or other resources of England, but they have mobilized, it is said, a guerrilla army of 100,000 against which the Nazis must employ twice the number. This is a positive help, certainly, to the Soviet Union and to Yugoslavia. Don't let me England cannot do as much as the Yugoslavs.

When the Nazi puppet, Mannerheim, provoked a war against the Soviet Union over a year ago, the British Tories mobilized an army of 100,000, with ships, planes, etc., to aid him—and Hitler. But now, when it is a question of hurting Hitler, they can't spare one little band of guerrillas and a machine gun.

The alibi one reads in the appeasement press for this obvious sabotage is enough to make one sick.

"It's not safe," they say. Who ever said it could be safe? It is a military gamble of the most desperate order. But in England fighting for its life or it is watching a football game? The whole position of the British Isles, while Hitler is strong, is about as safe as that of a man sitting on a barrel of dynamite in the hold of a ship sinking in a hurricane. England must fight desperately on every front or lose not only its honor, but its physical freedom. Its only safety lies in fighting—and fighting hard.

These miserable Tories! They ask for guarantees that a military diversion against the Nazis would be "safe." They are willing to take a chance, they say, if some military genius could show that they would not fail to win. They are willing to gamble on a long shot if the race has been fixed.

If this were the voice of the English people, one would say, let the earth and the Nazis swallow them; they do not deserve their right to freedom.

But it is not the voice of the people, who are speeding tanks to Russia, who are protesting against the saboteurs in their press, who are forcing discussions in Parliament. Every correspondent reports that the mood of the brave British people is now highly impatient, suspicious and formidable.

But they will have to move fast. No nation today can win against Hitler until it has rooted out its fifth column and its appeasers. England hasn't yet done it. England is still lacking in the strong will, the iron unity and the stainless leadership that makes for victory. The ghost of Munich still haunts 10 Downing Street, rattling chains of Nazi treason slavery.

Neutrality Act Discussed On Town Meeting, 9:15

Moussourghy's "Pictures at an Exhibition" to be heard at noon, WNYC. . . Good Neighbors Concert on WPA, 10:30 P.M. . . John Gates speaks on Communist Election Campaign, WMCA, 9:45 P.M. . .

MORNING
8:15-WNYC-Wait-Ad Column;
Consumer's Guide
8:30-WMCA-News WPA-Chantiers
WJZ-Jin Robertson, Baritone
WABC-Minor Goss, A-Shoping
8:45-WABC-Woman's Page of the Air
8:55-WNYC-Around New York with
Ed Halpin
9:00-WJZ-Woman of Tomorrow
WOR-"Ours Imagines"-Food
WABC-News
9:15-WNYC-Masterwork Hour-Modern
WQXR-Your Request Program
9:30-WABC-Organist
WQXR-Food Quiz
WABC-School of the Air
WJZ-News
9:45-WABC-"The Virginian"
Dramatization
WQXR-Let's Talk Show
10:00-WMCA-News WJZ-Scour Hour
WQXR-News
10:15-WNYC-Consumers' Program
WQXR-Column of the Air
10:30-WNYC-Chamber Music
WQXR-Salon Concert
10:45-WJZ-Priscilla Presents-Variety
WNYC-Poetry on the Record
WQXR-News
11:00-WOR-Trans-Radio News
WABC-Beauty Talk
WQXR-Other People's Business
11:15-WNYC-Fr. Knickerbocker Suggests
WQXR-Variety
11:30-WNYC-Trans-Radio News
WABC-Beauty Talk
WQXR-Symphonic Interlude
11:45-WJZ-Women's Part in Defense
Guest
WNYC-You and Your Health-Talk
AFTERNOON
12:00-WMCA-Magic Carpet
WJZ-Lunchtime Party
WOR-News Analyst
WABC-Kate Smith Speaks
WNYC-Midday Symphony
WQXR-Lunchtime Concert
12:15-WABC-Deep River Boys
WJZ-Farm and Home Hour
WOR-Trans-Radio News
1:00-WMCA-News
WABC-Mary Margaret McBride
WQXR-Composers' Hour
1:15-WJZ-Between the Book Ends with
Ted Malone
WNYC-"The Work of Henry Street
Nurses"-Talk
1:30-WNYC-Metropolitan Review
1:45-WNYC-News
2:00-WMCA-Sweetest Love Songs
WJZ-Walter Winchell's Orch.
WOR-Martha Chase
WNYC-News; Tamara Tomanova
and Frederic Franklin-Interview
WQXR-Opera Excerpts
2:30-WOR-Health Talk
WQXR-Dance Time
2:45-WOR-Beauty Talk
WABC-"Your Hearing and Your
Health"-Talk
3:15-WOR-Camp Grant in Review
WABC-Helping Hand
3:30-WMCA-News
WABC-Watchtower Mayors-
Interview
WNYC-Museum Tours-Talk
WQXR-Chamber Music
3:45-WOR-News and Organ
WABC-Adventures in Science-Talk
WNYC-News
4:00-WMCA-Friendship Bridge-
Singer Maughan, Guest
WABC-Club Matinee
WOR-News
WABC-Cincinnati Music
Conservatory Concert

Young Artists of Five to Ten Put On First Exhibit

By Lorraine Kobrin

An artist's first exhibit is a pretty exciting time in his life—and the young artists, ranging in age from five to ten, of the Village Club, 622 Hudson Street, reacted true to form this Sunday.

The more gregarious stood in groups, clutching dolls and other precious possessions, and discussed the merits of each other's work, or pointed out their own pictures to proud mothers. The shy ones sat on the sofa and concentrated on the corner where refreshments were being prepared.

Anna Marie Sherry, a tiny mite of five, in a flaming red sweater and tam, acting as receptionist, made sure that each visitor was supplied with pencil and ballpoint, upon which to record his choice of the winning pictures. Her own work, "House By A Tree," was one of the exhibits, but she very loyally pointed out "Castle," drawn by her assistant, Matthew Bakovitz, a nine-year-old wearing his Sunday blue serge suit.

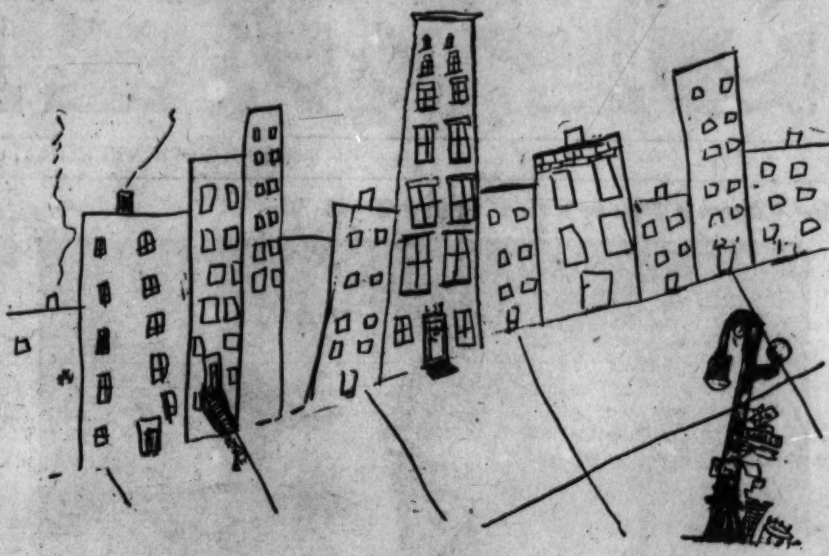
Club in a Corner Store

The Club is a large corner store with gleaming clean plate glass windows and lightly tinted walls. Here the neighborhood children gather each afternoon to draw, paint and play games.

Hannah Fierstein, attractive, young, artist-director of the group, is very enthusiastic about what she is doing.

"We leased the store about a year ago and children started coming in immediately. Now they are here as soon as school closes—drawing away like mad."

The pictures, drawn and painted on wrapping paper and old American Labor Party posters, were so varied in subject matter—"Fisherman" and "Tenement," "God Bless America" and "Girl in the Grass," "Baby Carriage" and "Spooky House"—that the solemn-faced judges: Morris Watson, of the Newspaper Guild; Moses Sover, artist; Harry Lambert, cartoonist;



This is a "Village Street" as Leonard Darafolo, nine-year-old artist, drew it. It won first prize for Leonard at the Village Club's exhibit. Leonard also plays a violin when he isn't busy helping his mother run a grocery.

and Abe Lerner of the Viking Press; had a hard time making their decisions.

After much consultation, they awarded first and second prizes, courses at the School for Talented Children, at St. Mark's Centre, on East 11th Street, to Leonard Darafolo, nine, and Dorothy Napier, ten.

Leonard, who also plays the violin when he is not helping his mother run their grocery, was very nervous when the winners were announced. He stared enigmatically at his drawing of a "Village Street," his chin resting on drawn-up knees. But this lasted only until the prize-figures, the next item on the program. Jumping up, he proved beyond a doubt that he was not an ivory tower artist by going into the improvised "ring" swinging them and knocked out his opponent, Anthony.

Kids Need More Material

Dorothy, a sparkling-eyed lass, was pleased but a little surprised that her "Girl With Blond Hair"

had won second prize. She had wanted to make a Hawaiian girl but since there was a scarcity of brown chalk she had to make her maiden a blonde.

The material angle is a problem. Paper is supplied by the neighboring store-keepers, paints by art dealers whom Hannah has approached, brushes she chieftains from friends. Still there is hardly enough to go around. That was why the children were so proud when their pictures sold. The money is going into a fund to buy new materials.

To Hannah, the materials although important are, however, secondary in the purposes of the Club. She told the story of one little girl who, when she first came, would grab all of the clay and not let any of the other children touch it. Now the same child is in charge of materials and distributes them to the group.

All of the activities are handled in this communal spirit. Some give out the material, others clean the paint dishes, some sweep, others lead in the games—and they all love it.

Jam Sessions On a Sunday Afternoon

By Bill Newton

Each Sunday these days brings out the jazz aficionados to a couple of spots around town, Jimmy Ryan's on West 52nd Street and the Village Vanguard in Greenwich Village, each of which is featuring afternoon jam sessions.

A jam session is that vital and peculiar American institution in which a small number of jazz musicians get together to improvise freely, through the medium of solos and collectively.

It's the musician's way of relaxing from commercial routine, of finding new excitement in his music, of creating. It's the listener's way of discovering the best elements in jazz, of drawing deep pleasure from the music.

Some learned musicologists still insist that it is impossible for musicians to improvise collectively, each adhering to a separate melodic line, yet blending perfect counterpoint and harmony with the other members of the group.

Such persons are advised to listen carefully to a good jam session. All doubts should be dispelled.

The sessions at Ryan's and the Vanguard have been distinguished thus far for the mingling of white and Negro players on an equal basis—a common enough sight when musicians can get away from their managers and play with the men they want to.

On hand have been such widely-known dispensers of the jazz hot as Pee Wee Russell, veteran Chicago clarinet; Bobby Hackett, who plays the cornet with Brian Itonations; J. C. Higginbotham, of the dark and deep trombone; Henry Allen and Edmund Hall, old-time Negro stars from New Orleans; and the vigorous trombonist, George Brunies.

Also Bill Coleman, Eddie Condon, Zutie Singleton, George Wettling, Al Morgan, and other remarkable musicians.

It is a sign of the backwardness of the radio corporations that this true form of jazz, which is so seldom heard amid the welter of commercial "killer-dillers," "live," and "Make Believe Ballrooms," is limited, as far as the public is concerned, to occasional appearances at night clubs. A big audience awaits this music; musicians are eager to play it. The advertisers and managers for the most part, still stand in the way.

Prices at the Vanguard and Ryan's are \$1 plus drinks, unfortunately rather steep for many Daily Worker readers. But if you have the money, it's well worth the expense.

Opera Company Opens Season with Mozart Work

By O. V. Clyde

The New Opera Company launched its important career in this city with Mozart's Così Fan Tutte at the Forty-fourth Street Theatre before a packed house and what is called a "distinguished audience."

It augurs well for the courage and integrity of the company that it did not hesitate to brave the exquisite and profound score whose surface simplicity can be so merciless in exposing defects of technique and understanding. On the whole, the evening was a first-rate musical event for the city.

Young Singers Deserve Public Support

The singers deserve every public encouragement and support. Together with Dr. Fritz Busch, the conductor, they make available in an unpretentious manner the wonders of an opera which has been neglected for a century and which, in our judgment, will yet be acclaimed as the subtle masterpiece that it is, along with Don Giovanni and the Marriage of Figaro.

The greatest interest was manifested in the young singers who comprised the cast. They were chosen from the ranks of younger artists and students who had not yet received chances for major public appearances (with the exception of Ina Souez, who sang the role of Fiordiligi at the Glyndebourne festival in England, I believe). The result was the revelation of new, if not always mature, singing talent.

The performance was unusually well-timed. Much devoted care had gone into its preparation. The production was serious. This does not mean, of course, that everything was unexceptionable. Personally, this reviewer has distinct differences of opinion with the stage direction. Put another way, Dr. Busch's over-all conception of the opera does not, in my opinion, jibe with the score. But these are broader questions that need debating; they did not alter the appeal of this magnificent music.

Acting Not Up To Singing

Miss Souez performs with intensity; her pitch in the tessitura passages is not always pure. In her acting, she tends sometimes to melodrama where restraint would serve better. Miss Pauline Pierce, who sang Dorabella, did better in this respect. Andrus Kuzak was sprightly and effective as the scheming ladies' maid, Mr. Robert Marshall sang some of his arias very well. He has a lyric, light, tenor, and a feeling for the Mozart style. But he mugged some of his scenes with too much burlesque at the innocent victims of the strategem on which the opera is based. In his acting, he tended to treat his darling but bewildered Dorabella as if she

were a house pet needing correction from a benign master. This was not Mozart's intention, as the score will show. Perry Askam was a suave and effective Don Alfonso, the man who started all the trouble by insisting that women are human beings.

The sponsors of the New Opera Company have asked for popular support. The singers and Dr. Busch deserve it.

Raid on Germany

Warner Bros. announce that they will distribute in the United States the sensational RAF picture, "Target for Tonight," the negative of which was recently received in this country by ferry bomber.

"Target for Tonight" was produced by the Crown Film Unit in England and in the skies over Germany and German-occupied territory with the full co-operation of the Royal Air Force. It is "the story of a raid on Germany—how it is planned and how it is executed. Each part is played by the actual man or woman who does the job—Commander-in-Chief to Air-craft hand." Beginning with an aerial-photographic reconnaissance flight, the raid is shown in detail such as never before been recorded on the screen.

New Woman

Vera Meretkaya plays the new Socialist woman in "The Great Beginning," now at the Irving Place Theatre with "Port of Shadows."

Tra-la-la



Jeanette MacDonald matches voices with Nelson Eddy in "Bitter Sweet," showing today and tomorrow at the Dover Theatre, East Bronx.

Randolph Singers

The Randolph Singers, a small group of selected mixed voices, will accept a few more singers in all voice classifications, in keeping with its plans to enlarge the personnel. The chorus, which has been invited to present a series of radio broadcasts, draws its repertoire from all periods of choral music, and features modern, progressive works by contemporary composers. Rehearsals are now under way for a broadcast of Russian music, including works by Borodin, Mossolov and Shostakovitch. Applicants for membership may arrange for auditions by writing to the Director, David Randolph, 10 Monroe Street, Manhattan, stating voice quality and experience.

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WAY DOWN EAST

By MIKE QUIN

FROM my own tour of inspection Sunday night, I'd say that 95 per cent of New York's independent news vendors were solidly on strike. Of cigar stands and novelty stores which depend only incidentally on selling papers, I'd say two-thirds of them were on strike.

That doesn't mean they were shut down. Most of them remained open but carried none of the big commercial dailies on their racks. The Daily Worker, I was assured, was strictly okay for sale or purchase.

Along busy Eighth St., between Fifth and Sixth Aves., I was disgusted to see nearly all stands scabbing.

Up at Times Square and along Broadway, the little fellows were on strike solid. Scabs with armloads of papers were hawking them on corners and up and down the street, but they were followed by pickets shouting "Unfair!"

I was sorry to observe that most of the scabs were young kids, apparently in their teens. (YCL please note.)

I stopped one of the pickets and he explained the strike simply and politely. The vendors are organized in the AFL. They get approximately two-thirds of a cent on each paper. The companies were now refusing to credit returns of unsold papers. That means one unsold paper wiped out the gains of four that were sold. If a man had fifty papers, sold forty and was stuck with ten, he wouldn't make anything.

The particular scab this fellow was picketing started down the street toward another location. "Excuse me," he said, "I've got to follow them wherever they go."

Discussion of the strike dominated conversation among the sidewalk crowds and sounded predominantly sympathetic.

Small crowds gathered here and there to question pickets, but policemen nudged them on.

This is a clean-cut issue of little men being squeezed unscrupulously by the big fellows. Public education is important. Much more could have been done in the way of turning the news vendors' huts into public information bureaus on the strike.

A hard-hitting circular or broadside should have been and could have been prepared and ready for the first night, explaining all the issues. Vendors should have been supplied with these by the thousands. The public would have chewed them up.

It should have been something along the lines of: "They're grossing at talking about Americanism. How about practicing it?" A few pompous editorials could have been quoted and compared with the greedy facts of how these same papers deal with the little fellow.

It should have contained specific instructions on how the public can help in the fight.

If possible, it should have been a one-page broadside printed to look like a newspaper with a masthead, headline, news stories, etc., and it should have lambasted the pants off the publishers.

Newspapers can't stand that kind of thing. The public is already pretty well fed-up with the hypocrisy of the commercial press, and the vendors can be sure of plenty of support.

Such a broadside, well peppered with humor, would have circulated a million copies Sunday night.

Just to stop selling the papers is not enough. The vendors should take the offensive in carrying their story to the public. Most effective way is to set up a rank and file publicity committee to think up gags and see to it they are carried out.

Publicity alone cannot win a strike, but it is very important.

Sometimes you'll hear fellows say, "Oh, we don't need that," or else, "Maybe we can do without that. Later on, if the strike lasts, we might think about it."

That's not the way to do. When you wage a strike you should throw everything you've got into it and approach it as if it was the battle of the century.

Sometimes I have seen unions make immense publicity preparations and then win the strike before they had a chance to use them. But they wouldn't have won so quickly if they hadn't been making those preparations. The employer sees what's in the wind and settles to halt it.

I remember once on the coast when a certain union collected a publicity fund and set up a publicity committee, and the employers almost swallowed their cigars in their haste to settle the matter.

Get your message to the public. Make it hit like the kick of a mule, season it with plenty of humor, and I tell you, fellows, the employers just can't take it.

Film Notes

Americans impressed by the French films of a few years ago, "La Maternelle" and "Ballarina," will be interested to know their director, Jean Benoit-Levy, has arrived here to become Associate Professor of Educational Cinematography at the New School for Social Research. Starting in February, Benoit-Levy will lecture on the technique of teaching by means of films. He was for twenty-five

years one of France's outstanding director-producers of educational films. Another O.E.M. movie that will soon be ready for release is "Defense Review No. 1." It will include three stories on defense production, covering shipbuilding, youth training and a third subject to be announced.

AMUSEMENTS

Organizations Attention!
The Stanley Theatre, 7th Ave. near 41st St. Now showing first run Soviet film in planned to announce that a SPECIAL BLOCK BENEFIT TICKET DEPARTMENT has been established to cooperate with organizations in their FUND RAISING DRIVE.
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On the Score Board

By Lester Rodney

The crowded streets of New York always accurately reflect the passing of one sports season into another. To the mother trying to get sonny boy in to supper, and occasionally wondering how he manages to stay alive through all the game, sonny boy is just out "playing ball in the street."

Here is abysmal ignorance, vulgarization of the worst kind. Mother should be ashamed of herself.

Sonny boy, be it known, is playing either baseball, football, basketball or hockey, according to the season. True, he's not playing on regularly constituted diamonds, gridirons, courts and rinks. His "field" is more versatile than the most intricate Stadium ever blueprinted, even though slightly limited in space and somewhat infringed upon by motor cars. It serves for every game in its season, and even manages to squeeze in a little inter-season overlapping.

Take baseball. The hushed five minute pre-game ceremony of smoothing down the infield surface at Ebbets Field is paralleled on the city street by the meticulous chalking in of the "field," which is actually a square box running across the gutter, with the four bases marked on each corner.

In this game, generally tabbed boxball, the batter stands at the plate and is pitched to on one bounce from the middle of the box. No matter how powerful, the potential DIMaggio must restrain sportdom's most natural impulse, to "slam it out of the lot," because if he hits it past the boundaries of the chalked box on the fly he's out. (And generally has to chase the ball, what's more.) What happens in this concentrated area where the ball is shot along on the ground like a bullet is usually incredibly fast and skillful. A terrific degree of concentration and split second reaction is called for. The hands have to go down and dart to either side very fast. The throw has to be gotten away faster. Doubleplays, yes doubleplays from short to second to first catching the original batter at first, must obviously be miracles of split second precision. Remember how close home is to first... the width of the gutter. But double plays are made... and decisions are protested... and leagues are formed... and Chevrolet and Ford tear past almost between every play.

The type of skill and precision needed for and developed by a game like this is too intense and cramped to make for good baseball players. The new projects supplying room for softball fields haven't affected too many boys in the crowded districts. Areas like the East Side, Williamsburgh and Brownsville turn out many great basketball players and boxers, but very very few big league ball players.

Other baseball variations are to be found around the city, the form varying with the terrain. There are comparatively very few places where uninhabited baseball is possible. Over on the West Side you can see a novel kind of stickball where the boys can at least cut loose with their swings. It involves banging the ball up against the side of a warehouse, from where it bounces across the street against the opposite warehouse wall and back again according to how well socked it is. This apparently would involve frantic, headbanging fielding, but again the way the boys adapt themselves and become skillful in fast anticipation of the bounces is startling.

"Basketball" is often a matter of rigging up a hoop on a street lamp. The pickoff and screen plays are more often than not wrapped around parked and moving automobiles. Here the quick sharp pivoting and needle threading passwork developed lends itself more readily to the big brother game of basketball.

"Football," currently the thing, is about the most dangerous of all street games. Actually it's the game called association, meaning a special city game of football based on forward passing, sans blocking and tackling, which are manifestly impossible on the cement streets and without protective equipment. This corner is one goal and that corner is the other, and when a boy is racing out for a pass, looking backwards and straining every nerve to gain that one vital step on the defender, you wouldn't think he could see where he's going very well. There are accidents. The fact that there aren't many more attempts to the development of special senses and automobile reactions by our street athletes.

The ingenious variations of games, in which special size little balls, strangely shaped little fields and goals and whole new codes of regulations grow up on the city streets, can be gone into for days on end. They're as inexhaustible as the resourcefulness of the American boy who loves sports and hasn't been planned for.

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The Champ Passes the Army Test



Robinson Has Tough Foe in Fritzie Zivic

Young Ray Robinson, unbeaten Negro lightweight and welterweight has bitten off a large order in Fritzie Zivic, ex-champ of the latter division, whom he will meet on Oct. 31 at the Garden in the face of "champion" Coghane's withdrawal.

So, by the same token, will Zivic be taking on a large order. Robinson has shown terrific speed and hitting power in his long run of successive wins, which include knockouts of Pete Lello and Maxie Shapiro and a decision over NBA champ Angott.

But Zivic, who was surprisingly dethroned by Coghane and hasn't gotten his chance to re-win the title yet, is a tough, cagey veteran who may presumably know too much for Robinson at this stage of the latter's career. A close, mauling fight to stay atop the dynamite in Robinson's long arms seems to be his plan. And Fritzie can take a hard punch.

Whether he can keep the developing Robinson from landing, and whether he can take that kind of sock, will be seen in what shapes up as an interesting fight. It may be that Fritzie is starting to slip and didn't just have an off-surprise night against Coghane. If he is slipping, Robinson is certainly the boy to send him down a lot faster. If he isn't, he may be the one to hang the first defeat on jolting Ray.—L.R.

JOE LOUIS, the greatest heavyweight boxing champion in history, is shown being examined for the army by Dr. Dickerson at Provident Hospital, Chicago, where he was certified as fit. Joe is subject to immediate call and says, "I'm ready and waiting."

THE ROUNDUP:

Pitt 'De-Emphasized'; Sinkwich Set for Lions

Georgia Ace Makes Visitors Favorites—CCNY's Backfield Woes

When the moguls decided to de-emphasize football at Pitt they didn't realize that they were really "DE-EMPHASIZING" it... A tribute to the job they've done is the fact that Pitt has yet to score a single point this season... Word comes from Georgia that Frank Sinkwich will play for the anti-Tamagade school in their game against Columbia this Saturday, although he may go into battle looking like a battleship in dock for repairs... The Ohio rubber town kid who has a scholarship at the Southern school, has his broken jaw encased in wiring and steel and has been fed enough vitamins through a straw to maintain his strength...

Manhattan, which had plenty of woe last week faces more this Saturday when they go into the game with powerful Boston College with only two of the regular five ends in shape for duty... Chet Smolenski and Don Blinder are the Jasper wingmen who came out of the Duquesne game sound of wind and limb...

The anti-Hitler American Army will soon add to its ranks many star griders... Among which are Jackie Hunt, Marshall College, halfback who led the nation's griders in scoring last season... and Penn halfback Jackie Welsh... And speaking of the draft, we wonder how happy a certain Nazi named Max Schmelling feels this morning when he hears that the draft M. D.'s as expected, O. K'd Joe Louis for the Army?... Especially after Joe's statement after the Nova fight in which he said that if he met Schmelling in No-Man's land "He wouldn't pull punches..."

If the lady friend suddenly insists upon going up to the Yankee Stadium Sunday to watch the pro grid bombers in their American League contest, make sure the fair one is seated somewhere on the 10 yard line... For it's not football she'll be after, but Jarrin Jawn Kimbrough, who besides being one of the great backs in the game, is as handsome as they come... Kimbrough has just been signed to a 5-year contract with 20th Century Fox. The contract calls for an end to Johnny's ball-playing however after the first of Dec.

For the second consecutive week the City College Beavers will be without the services of their star passer and kicker, Hal Aronson, whose cold will keep him out of the Clarkson Tech game Saturday.

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Underestimating NYU Mistake for Syracuse

Violets Determined to Come Back—A. & M. Movies Heartening

Syracuse may learn that they shouldn't believe all they read in the papers... If Ossie Solem's boys think that they are going breeze through N. Y. U. this Saturday without even raising a respectable sweat, they may be a sorry bunch of young men come Saturday about 6 P. M...

The Washington Square griders won't make the Rose Bowl, but they are not nearly as bad as that 49-7 score the Texas Aggies rolled up last week may make them seem.

Movies of the game shown yesterday to some writers and the Violet coaching staff proved what many had thought about the game... That the Violets had actually outplayed the Texans for a full 40 minutes until the Aggies intercepted a Joe Frank pass with the score tied at 7—all and the New Yorkers on the offensive.

That turned the tide and then as N. Y. U. pressed and made mistakes the "dawn of Texas passes" darkened the Stadium skies for 6 consecutive touchdowns... So the Violets are not to be underestimated, and certainly not when it is known that the Aggies have one of the very good teams in the country.

But withal, the Syracuse Orange will go into the game with the edge on N. Y. U. It will be recalled that Syracuse did a rather nasty 47-13 job on Dr. Steven's boys last year at the Stadium, and they haven't slipped SO much as to make them under-dogs.

The upstarters will exhibit their new "Y" formation when they hit the Stadium turf... The "Y" of course, is nothing but a modified "T", in which the fullback plays a step or two in front of the halfbacks instead of directly between them... and the center faces the backfield before the pass.

The Violets, their chagrin at their last ditch collapse against the Aggies, over, are all ready to bounce back and notch their third victory of the season at the expense of the Orange-men.

The weak N. Y. U. line, which feels the loss of Bernie Febish, is almost-made up for by the backfield which boasts of a fine passer in Joe Frank who is continuing where he left off last season, blocking ace Jack Barmak, and hard running Len Bates, Negro star.

Yesterday Mal Stevens had the boys go through an hour and a half defensive scrimmage in preparation for the "Y" formation.

The only incapacitated Violet is Henry Mjlinger, reserve tackle, who will not see action Saturday... But Dave Millman's shoulder injury and Len Bates' leg bruises have healed enough to permit them to be in uniform and engage in workouts.

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About that Much Touted Texas '11'

Dana Bible Has Boys Streamlined for Speed and One of Them There Bouls

DALLAS, Texas, Oct. 15 (UP).—With Texas it's speed and precision personified by Jack Crain and Pete Layden, a pair of backs who have moved across the cattle country's football consciousness like a cyclone out of the panhandle.

The southwest conference seems strong throughout but the first three weeks of campaigning have indicated that unless something happens quickly Dana Bible's long-horns will dominate the section and perhaps land a choice bowl plum as well.

This Texas team represents the third phase of football in the Rio Grande sector since it came into its own with the emergence of SMU and TCU as National Grid powers. Those teams reached the heights with razzle-dazzle and when they faded Texas A. & M. moved in with raw-boned power featuring John Kimbrough.

When TCU fell and Texas A. & M. took over the southwest mantle, Bible was quietly fulfilling the mission for which he had been brought from Nebraska. He spent several years perfecting his system. Then Crain and Layden came along to carry it out.

The basis of the Bible formula is speed, burning speed executed with the precision that only an all-senior team can master.

Crain is one of the nation's most dangerous broken field runners. Against the Oklahoma Sooners he

has scored five touchdowns in three years. In last week's 40 to 7 rout of the Sooners, he gained 144 yards in 10 tries.

Layden, modest-sized for a full-back at 185 pounds, picks up most of his yardage from a catapult start. Give him the ball and he's off like a bullet, which is why they call him "pistol Pete." In the mud against LSU he averaged 18.3 yards.

Of the six other southeast teams, four are undefeated and united while a fifth, Southern Methodist, showed promise even in losing to Fordham.

Texas plays its first conference game this week against Arkansas, the weakest member of the circuit on the basis of early games. The Longhorns seem destined to stay around their average of 36 points for each of their first three games. Another conference game is Texas A. & M. vs. Texas Christian, which will bite into the unbeaten ranks.

Rice, Surprise winner over Tulane, plays another southeastern conference member, Louisiana state, while Baylor moves north to battle Villanova. SMU plays Auburn in Birmingham.

By David Lurie
(Special to the Daily Worker)

MCKEESPORT, Pa., Oct. 15.—Mose Brown, twenty-one-year-old Negro contender for light-heavy honors who had to knock almost-champion Irish Jimmy Webb out three times before fight promoters would admit he could, is wisely holding on to his job in a steel mill here.

A coal miner in West Virginia fields while still in his teens, Brown is now working in the National Tube Corporation plant here. When ready for a fight, Brown trains at night, checks in on the day shift at the steel mill regularly.

"I fight at night and work in the day. Why shouldn't I train at night?" Brown says.

Local fans became enthusiastic about Brown's chances to follow in the footsteps of previous light-heavy champs John Henry Lewis and Pittsburgh's Billy Conn.

Brown's three wins over top contender Jimmy Webb.

The McKeesport steel worker first fought Webb when Irish Jimmy was on his way east to fight Gus Lesnevich. The fight was stopped in the fifth round with Brown proclaimed the winner to a startled crowd.

Considered a fluke win, or at best the result of underestimation of an unknown by Webb, a return match was arranged. The story was the same. Still fight promoters and sports writers here, partly influenced by the lingering myth of white superiority, considered Webb the better fighter. But Brown did it again this time in the sixth round, at recent All-Star charity bouts here.

That fight card saw two other Pittsburgh fighters who are putting the steel city on the fight map along with Billy Conn. These were Fritzie Zivic, ex-welter champ, local Croatian American boy, and Harry Bobo. Like Brown, Bobo is a Negro and like Brown, Bobo is having a hard time getting matches worthy of him. He's already K.O'd the highly regarded Lee Savold twice.

Both Bobo and Brown are coming up the ladder, although the hard way. Brown having to fight one man three times before sports writers on Pittsburgh papers would yell "uncle" and Bobo having to be content with minor fights despite his K.O. record.

There's good reason for Leo BIRD, Louisiana State ace, to be air-minded... In addition to his name, he was graduated from BYRD High School at Shreveport and is taking a course in FLYING at L. S. U.

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